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Her Majesty's farewell

VIGIL HONOUR FOR PRINCE

HARRY CAN WEAR A UNIFORM



On royal duty . . . Harry in uniform at Remembrance ceremony in 2016

By MATT WILKINSON, Royal Editor

PRINCE Harry will be allowed to wear his military uniform tomorrow for a vigil at the Queen's coffin by her eight grandchildren.

The Duke of Sussex, 38, had to wear a morning suit at Wednesday's ceremonial procession having lost his military titles following Megxit.

King Charles has now granted his Afghan war veteran son special permission to appear in uniform for the 15-minute period of reflection at

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Civvies . . in coffin procession

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ELIZABETH II: 1926-2022



WILLS SAYS



Touching moment . . a well-wisher wipes away a tear as William greets crowd



Smiles . . . Prince poses for selfie and Kate waves



AN emotional Prince William revealed he was haunted by the memory of his mum's funeral as he walked behind the Queen's coffin earlier this week.

By ROB PATTINSON and MATT WILKINSON

William, 40, confessed he had found the procession from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Hall "very difficult" as it recalled his feelings as a child in 1997.

He said walking in step alongside brother Harry again, 25 years on, brought back much of the "emotion" he felt as they stepped out behind the coffin of Diana, *below*. Jane Wells, 54, said William made the admission when she said his "mother would have been very proud".

The receptionist of Long Sutton, Lincs, said: "He told us it had been particularly difficult and following the coffin made him think of his mother's funeral.

"He said, 'It reminded me so much of my mum's funeral, walking behind the coffin. It was all very emotional'."

Another well-wisher told William she was close to tears, to which the comforting prince replied: "Don't cry, now, you'll start me".

And after the exchange, another onlooker, Nettie Wells, 90, said: "You could see he looked very emotional and very overwhelmed." They were in the crowd which greeted the Prince and Princess of Wales at Sandringham as the couple viewed floral tributes left for the Queen.

Kim Theobald, 65, said: "He told me they were getting through it all by clinging to lovely memories of the Queen."

During the 30-minute walkabout William and Kate stayed side by side. They knelt to read floral tributes and smiled at Paddington Bears left in Her Majesty's honour following her appearance with the character in a Platinum Jubilee sketch.





Following Diana and Queen's coffins

Kate welled up as she led Elizabeth Sulkovska, eight, to lay flowers on the sea of tributes at Norwich Gate, on the Norfolk estate where The Queen hosted Christmas.

William had to put a steadying hand on his wife's shoulder as the Princess chatted with families as the royal cars arrived.

Amanda Horn, 56, from Norfolk, said she told mum-of-three Kate: "You look very tired." She said the princess replied: "We are all very tired but the crowds and people's support keeps us going."

Amanda said: "William said the children were doing very well and they were trying to keep things as normal as possible."

William was also heard telling a mourner the Queen was "everyone's grandmother".

In lighter moments than previous days, he made the crowd burst into laughter as he admitted to retired firefighter Steve Hobart, 65, "it was a good time to get out of London" to dodge the queues.

He even apologised to one crowd member for the inconvenience caused by all the security in the capital.

Julie Young, 51, from March, Cambs, said: "We asked how the children are coping with it all. He said he thinks George understands but the other two don't."

Kate told one mum they were heading back to London yesterday to "do the school run". The well-wisher revealed: "She said the children were settling in well to their new school. I joked I had to be quick because I had to do the school run. She said she was heading to London to do it as well."

Sara Tomlinson, 51, of King's Lynn, Norfolk, said William said "Paddington Bear has taken over from the corgis". And she said of the couple: "How they hold it together, I do not know."

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It reminded me

COFFIN WALK LIKE DIANA'S



Sea of flowers . . Prince, with Kate, kneels to read tributes at Sandringham yesterday

Show of support . . . families in crowd chat with Kate yesterday

Don't cry now, you'll start me..

— AN EMOTIONAL PRINCE WILLIAM TO WELL-WISHER YESTERDAY

HARRY

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Westminster Hall, where the Queen lies in state.

The ruling was not a U-turn but a "one-off" decision by the King as a mark of respect for the late monarch.

An insider said: "The King invited the Queen's grandchildren to mount a vigil and Harry can wear his uniform."

It comes after Prince Andrew, who lost his titles in the fallout of the Jeffrey Epstein scandal, was given dispensation to wear his naval uniform at a similar vigil with his siblings tonight.

Harry, who served two tours of Afghanistan, lost his honorary military titles, including Captain General of the Royal Marines, as part of the Megxit deal nearly three years ago.

Also at the vigil will be ex-RAF pilot brother William, Princesses Beatrice and Eugenie, Zara Tindall and Peter Phillips, and Lady Louise Windsor and James, Viscount Severn.

A spokesman for Harry said earlier this week that the Duke would wear a morning suit "throughout events honouring his grandmother". They added: "His decade of military service is not determined by the uniform he wears."

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ELIZABETH II: 1926-2022

HOW FINAL

ROUSING HYMNS ON LAST JOURNEY



On move . . . the Queen's coffin

EXCLUSIVE by JEROME STARKEY, Defence Editor

THE Queen's coffin is to leave London on Monday to a tear-jerking rendition of I Vow To Thee My Country.

Tens of thousands of people are expected to join in as military marching bands play the nation's favourite hymn.

The spine-tingling tune will resonate as pall bearers carry Her Majesty's coffin into a waiting hearse for its final onward journey to Windsor.

The emotional climax will follow the state funeral service at Westminster Abbey.

Royal Navy sailors will pull the coffin past Buckingham Palace one last time.

The bands of the Scots and Grenadier Guards are lined up to perform a medley of patriotic favourites, including Jerusalem, the National Anthem and I Vow To Thee My Country as the procession reaches the capital's Hyde Park Corner.

A source said: "It will be incredibly moving.

"There won't be a dry eye in the crowds, or for the millions of people watching at home."

The tunes mark the end of the London part of the funeral ceremonies as the Queen heads to her rest in Windsor's George VI Memorial Chapel.

Broken toe for Camilla

QUEEN Consort Camilla has been soldiering on after breaking a toe more than two weeks ago, it has emerged.

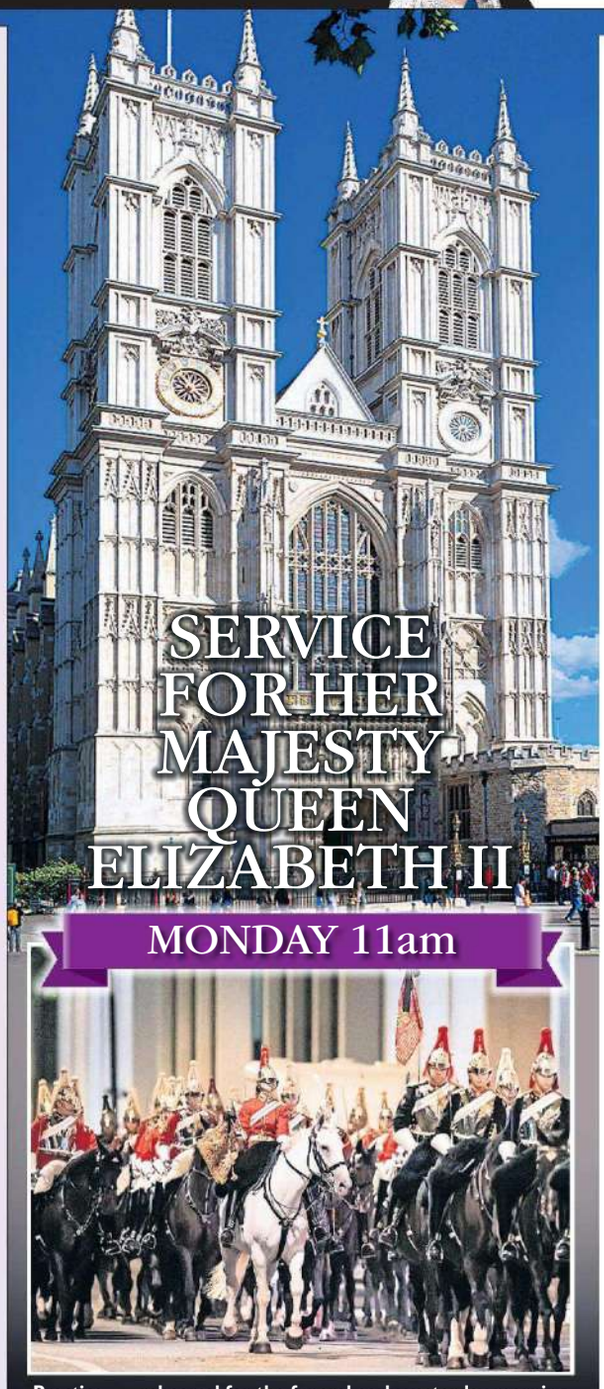
She was driven to the service at Westminster Hall with the Princess of Wales on Wednesday.

But sources say the injury was not the reason why she did not join the 30-minute family procession led by King Charles.

An insider said: "Camilla has broken her toe and although it's healing it is very, very sore.

"It is terrible timing but she is soldiering on and not letting a broken toe get in the way of duty and doing what she needs to do for the King, the family and the country."

It is not thought that the injury required hospital treatment. A spokesman for the Queen Consort said they did not comment on medical matters.



Practice . . . rehearsal for the funeral early yesterday morning



Marching on . . . service personnel at rehearsal in The Mall

By PAUL SIMS

THE Queen will be reunited with her beloved husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, after a touching final farewell befitting her unprecedented and glorious 70-year reign.

After four days of her lying in state, the doors to Westminster Hall will close to the public so preparations can begin for a state funeral attended by 2,000 guests.

The funeral will begin at Westminster Abbey at 11am and end at noon, marked by Last Post, a two-minute silence across the UK and the National Anthem.

Her coffin will then be driven to Windsor, where it will be lowered into the Royal Vault of St George's Chapel. She will then be buried in the King George VI Memorial Chapel – alongside husband Prince Philip, who died last year.

Here we take a minute-by-minute look at what will happen on Monday.

6:30am

Westminster Hall will close to the public as the Queen's lying in state concludes after four days to prepare for the state funeral.

8:00am

Westminster Abbey will open for the congregation of 2,000, which will include world leaders and foreign royals.

10:35am

A bearer party from the Queen's Company 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards will lift the coffin from the catafalque in Westminster Hall and carry it in procession to the State Gun Carriage of the Royal Navy, which will be positioned outside the North Door.

10:44am

The gun carriage, drawn by 138 Royal Naval ratings, will set off from New Palace Yard to Westminster Abbey via Parliament Square, Broad Sanctuary and the Sanctuary.

It will be followed on foot by King Charles and members of the Royal Family including Prince Edward, Prince Andrew, Princess Anne, Prince William and Prince Harry.

10:52am

The procession will arrive at the West Gate of Westminster Abbey where the coffin will be lifted from the gun carriage and carried in ready for the funeral service.

11am

The service, conducted by the Dean of Westminster, will begin. PM Liz Truss and the Secretary General of the Commonwealth will give readings.

11:55am

Last Post will sound, followed by a two-minute silence to be observed inside the abbey and across the UK.

Noon

Reveille, the National Anthem and a lament played by the Queen's Piper will bring the state funeral service to an end.

The bearer party will then lift the coffin from the catafalque and move in procession through the Great West Door to the State Gun Carriage, which will be positioned outside the West Gate.

King Charles and the Queen Consort, the Prince and Princess of Wales and other royals will then follow the coffin on foot.

12:15pm

The procession, led by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and members of NHS staff, will set off for Wellington Arch.

Minute guns will be fired in Hyde Park by The King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery and Big Ben will toll throughout the procession.

1pm

On arrival at Wellington Arch, the coffin will be lifted into the state hearse, which will begin its

REHEARSING FOR BIG DAY

Grenadier Guards practise carrying coffin for Monday's funeral



FAREWELL WILL HAPPEN



Minute-by-minute guide to the day of Queen's funeral

TIME TO SAY GOODBYE

journey to Windsor. As the hearse departs, the parade will give a Royal Salute and the National Anthem will be played.

3:06pm

The state hearse will approach Shaw Farm Gate on Albert Road, Windsor, and take its place at the front of the procession.

3:10pm

The procession will head to St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle.

3:20pm

Governors General and Realm Prime Ministers will arrive and be escorted to their seats in the nave.

In all, 800 people, including members of the Queen's Household and Windsor estate staff, will attend the service

3:25pm

Royals not in the procession will arrive at the chapel and will be escorted to their seats.

3:40pm

The King and other members of the Royal Family who are walking in the procession join it at the Quadrangle on the north side as it passes into Engine Court. The route will be lined by the Armed Forces and minute guns will be fired by The King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery, from the East Lawn.

The Sebastopol Bell and the Curfew Tower Bell will be tolled.

3:53pm

The Procession will halt at the bottom of the West Steps of St George's Chapel in Horseshoe Cloister where the bearer party will lift the coffin from the hearse and carry it up the West Steps.

4pm

The committal service will begin as the coffin procession enters the chapel, towards the catafalque in the Quire. The service will be conducted by the Dean of Windsor. Prayers will be said by the Rector of Sandringham, the Minister of Crathie Kirk and the Chaplain of Windsor Great Park.

Before the final hymn, the Imperial State Crown, the Orb and the Sceptre will be removed from the coffin by the Crown Jeweller and, with the help of the Bargemaster and Serjeants-at-Arms, will be passed to the dean who will place them on the altar.

At the end of the final hymn, the King will place the Queen's Company Camp Colour of the Grenadier Guards, for whom she was Colonel-in-Chief, on the coffin.

At the same time, the Lord Chamberlain will break his Wand of Office and place it on the coffin in line with tradition. The coffin will be lowered into the Royal Vault, while the Archbishop of Canterbury reads a blessing and the Queen's piper performs a lament.

At the conclusion of the service, the King and members of the Royal Family will depart from the Galilee Porch for Windsor Castle.

7:30pm

A private burial service, attended by the King and members of the Royal Family, will be conducted by the Dean of Windsor.

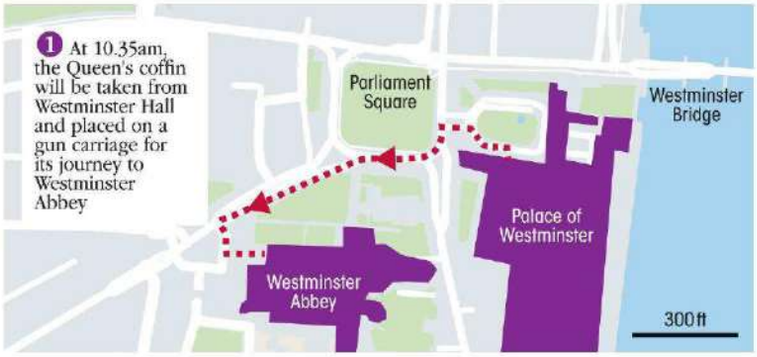
Her Majesty will be buried alongside her late husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, at the King George VI Memorial Chapel.

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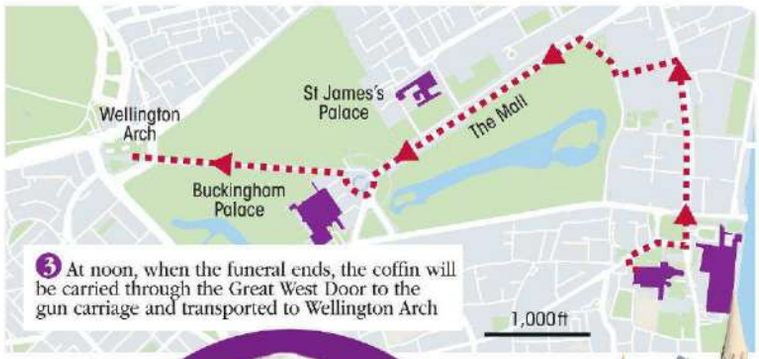


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PALACE OF WESTMINSTER TO WESTMINSTER ABBEY



WESTMINSTER ABBEY TO WELLINGTON ARCH



ZELENSKY'S WIFE THERE


Olena Zelenska


President Biden


Letizia of Spain


Justin Trudeau


Jacinda Ardern


Turkey's Erdogan

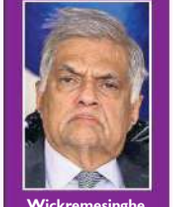

France's Macron


China VP Wang


Ms von der Leyen


Japan's Naruhito


Belgian Mathilde


Wickremesinghe

EXCLUSIVE by MATT WILKINSON, Royal Editor **and JEROME STARKEY,** Defence Editor

THE wife of Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky will join world leaders for the Queen's funeral.

First Lady Olena Zelenska is among 500 heads of state and dignitaries invited to the service and a VIP reception hosted by King Charles the day before.

Global leaders are to arrive in London this weekend and expected to pay their own respects to Queen Elizabeth to Westminster Hall where she is lying in state ahead of the funeral. But they, like MPs, will be allotted a timeslot to skip the hours-long public queue.

While Russian despot Vladimir Putin has not been invited, **Olena Zelenska** will represent her husband and their country.

A source said: "Olena Zelenska's presence is yet another sign of the global support for Ukraine while Russia is isolated.

"Britain is one of Ukraine's staunchest allies. Her presence at the funeral is a sign of that friendship and mutual respect." The source added she would fly back to Ukraine as soon as the ceremony finished on Monday.

Dozens of members of foreign royal families – including **Emperor Naruhito and Empress Masako of Japan**, **King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia of Spain** and **King Philip and Queen Mathilde of Belgium** – will be among the 2,000 mourners at Westminster Abbey.

More than 30 world leaders are also set to attend including US President **Joe Biden** and his wife **Jill**, France's **Emmanuel Macron**, China Vice President **Wang Qishan**, New Zealand PM **Jacinda Ardern**, Canadian PM **Justin Trudeau**, Turkish President **Recep Erdogan**, Sri Lankan President **Ranil Wickremesinghe** and European Commission President **Ursula von der Leyen**.

NHS bigwigs, including chief exec **Amanda Pritchard**, will be among the mourners.

They will join nearly 200 key workers and volunteers recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours list, including 88-year-old **Ella Marks**, who attended George VI's coronation in 1937.

The evening before the funeral, King Charles III and his Queen Consort Camilla will host foreign VIPs at a Buckingham Palace reception.

It is set to be the largest gathering of world leaders in modern history and the first state occasion at the palace – which is having a £360million refit – since then President Donald Trump's visit more than three years ago.

Prince Andrew, Prince Harry, 38 yesterday, and his wife Meghan have not been invited.

The dress code for the event, in the palace's Picture Gallery and State Rooms, is lounge suits as the Royal Family is in mourning.

A spokesman for the King said: "This is one of the last moments for Her Majesty the Queen as opposed to the first for His Majesty."

Dignitaries will be bussed in to the funeral. They have been told to gather at the Royal Hospital Chelsea and travel under "collective arrangements", a palace source said.

King Charles spent yesterday speaking to world leaders and receiving condolences.

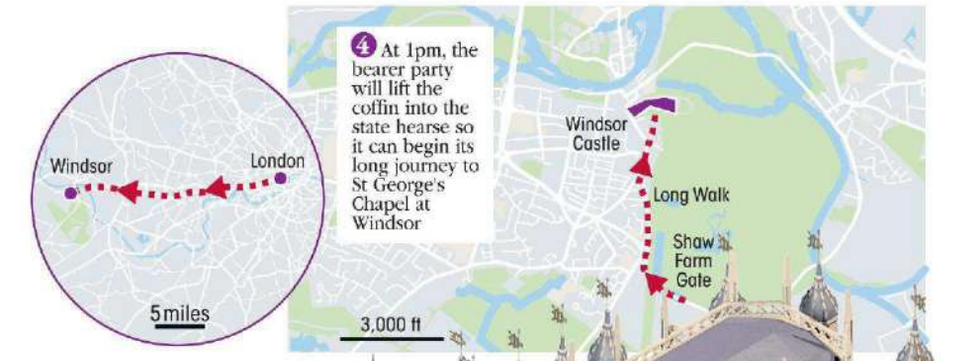
He has also asked to meet workers from all the emergency services to thank them for helping to arrange the funeral.



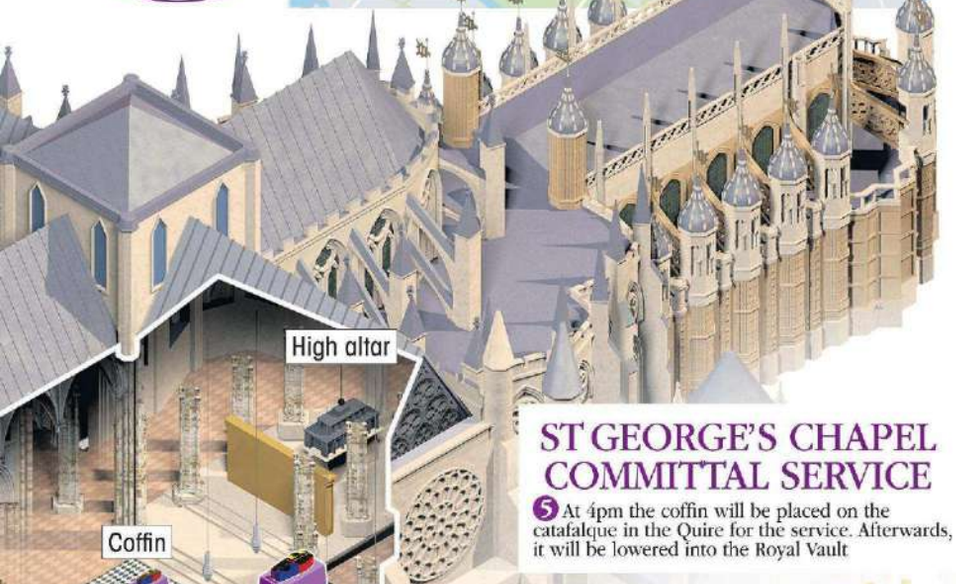
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LONDON TO WINDSOR & WINDSOR PROCESSION ROUTE

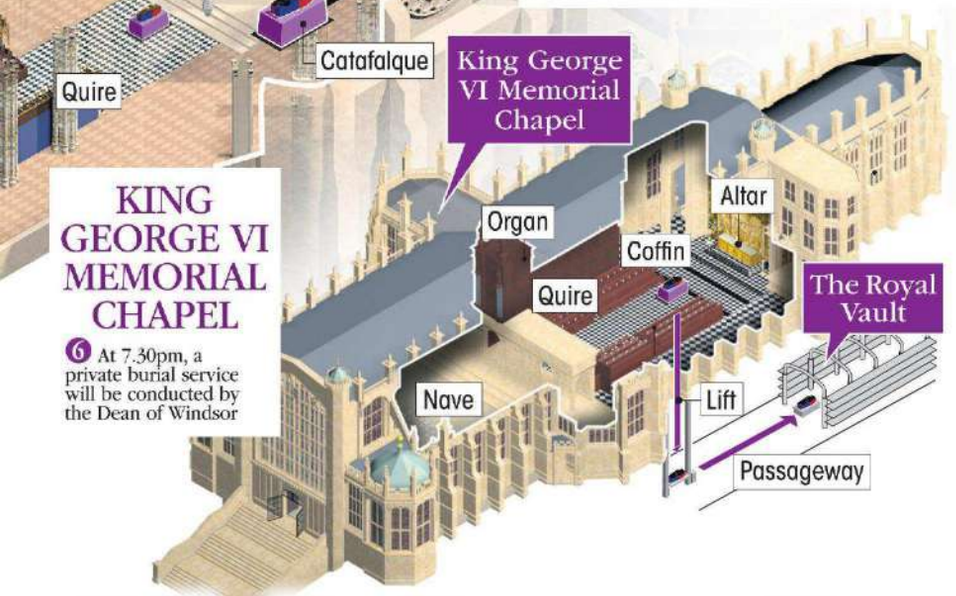


4 At 1pm, the bearer party will lift the coffin into the state hearse so it can begin its long journey to St George's Chapel at Windsor



ST GEORGE'S CHAPEL COMMITTAL SERVICE

5 At 4pm the coffin will be placed on the catafalque in the Quire for the service. Afterwards, it will be lowered into the Royal Vault



KING GEORGE VI MEMORIAL CHAPEL

6 At 7.30pm, a private burial service will be conducted by the Dean of Windsor

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THE PROCESSION

Massed Pipes and Drums

Pursuivants, Heralds and Kings of Arms

Major General Commanding the Household

Lady Usher of the Black Rod

Earl Marshal

Garter King of Arms

HOUSEHOLD OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II

Director of the Royal Collection

Comptroller, Lord Chamberlain's Office

Master of the Household

Keeper of the Privy Purse

Private Secretary

Master of the House

Lord Steward

The Queen's Page

The Queen's Page

Palace Steward

Yeomen of the Guard

98 Naval Ratings

2 officers

Yeomen of the Guard

Bearer Party

Bearer Party

Gentlemen at Arms

Gentlemen at Arms

Archers

Pallbearers

Pallbearers

Archers

40 Naval Ratings



The Earl of Wessex and Forfar

The Duke of York

The Princess Royal

The King



Mr. Peter Phillips

The Duke of Sussex

The Prince of Wales



Vice Admiral Sir Tim Laurence

The Duke of Gloucester

The Earl of Snowdon

HOUSEHOLD OF THE KING

Master of the Household

Principal Private Secretary

Equerry

Treasurer

HOUSEHOLD OF THE PRINCE OF WALES

Equerry

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ROYALS GET CAN I HAVE A HUG?

Lad given embrace by Countess



Touched . . . Edward reads cards yesterday

Thanks . . . Sophie hugs Josh in front of well-wishers in Manchester

HOLLY, 4 HAS POSY FOR ANNE



For you . . . Holly gives flowers to Anne

PRINCESS ANNE

By CHRIS POLLARD

PRINCESS Anne was handed pink daisies by a four-year-old girl yesterday as she comforted grieving crowds.

The Princess Royal accepted the flowers from little Holly McBride.

Her mum Marie, who said her daughter learned about the Queen by watching Peppa Pig, added: "The princess asked if the flowers were for the tributes but I said they were for her."

Anne, 72 – accompanied by husband Vice Admiral Sir Tim Laurence – met representatives from organisations of which her mother was patron as she visited Glasgow's City Chambers. Onlookers said she seemed to be in good spirits.

Hilary Harris, of community organisation Lambhill Stables, said: "She spoke to everyone. Total engagement, total eye contact and she knew everything about the organisation. Very impressive."



Visit . . . Princess Anne reads tributes

FLIGHTS HIT BY SILENCE

MORE than 100 flights from Heathrow will be cancelled to avoid noise disturbing the Queen's funeral.

The London airport says 15 per cent of its 12,000 flights on Monday will be disrupted to ensure the skies remain quiet during the two-minute national silence shortly before noon on Monday.

No flights will take off or land from 15 minutes before and after the silence. A spokesman said: "Operations will be subject to change to avoid noise disruption."



SOPHIE & EDWARD

By CHRIS POLLARD

SOPHIE Wessex filled broken hearts with joy when she hugged a young well-wisher yesterday.

The Queen's beloved daughter-in-law took royal fan Josh in three lingering embraces after he handed her flowers.

Emotional Sophie, 57, also wept while viewing floral tributes and cards that had been left for the late monarch, who she called "Mama".

Sophie and husband Prince Edward, 58, the Queen's youngest son, mingled with mourners in Manchester as part of a nationwide tour by senior royals to celebrate Her Majesty's life.

Sophie spotted Josh Macpake, a lad from Blackpool with autism, who was wearing a Union Jack cap and holding a teddy dressed like a King's Guard soldier.

His mum Sue told The Sun: "Sophie was very sweet. She said, 'Nice to meet you, do you want me to take your flowers?' Josh said, 'Can I have a hug?'

"They hugged and he asked for a photo. Then, later, she came back over and gave Josh two more hugs. It was quite emotional. It was nice to come and lay some flowers, but I wasn't expecting Sophie to come and take them off him."

Asked what the moment felt like, Josh said: "Happy."

Referring to the Queen, Sue added: "She was like a grandma to Josh. She's always been there."

She also revealed that Josh has a letter from the Queen thanking him for a Platinum Jubilee card

COMFORT FROM CROWDS

he made and sent to Buckingham Palace. Yesterday, Edward and Sophie, the Earl and Countess of Wessex, were invited to light candles at Manchester Cathedral by Dean Rogers Govender and Bishop David Walker.

They were also shown photographs of the Queen's last visit to the cathedral, to mark the 600th anniversary of the collegiate church in July 2021.

Well-wishers welcomed them warmly as they examined dozens of tributes in St Ann's Square.

Later, they were shown books of condolence at Manchester Central Library by city council leader Bev Craig.

Sophie burst into tears as she read heartfelt messages written by children. The cards and messages will later be archived at Manchester Art Gallery.

Council employee Juliet Felstead, 27, who is leading a team of volunteers overseeing St Ann's Square, spoke to Edward.

She said: "He was just really grateful for all of the volunteers who have been out over the week to oversee the tributes.

"They were both touched by all the messages and the kindness that has been shown.

"We have seen a steady stream of people, with many sharing their memories of the Queen, including some ex-service personnel. It's meant a lot to people." Edward and Sophie spoke to onlookers at each of the three stops on their visit.

A crowd outside the cathedral clapped and cheered as the royal couple left the city.

They had travelled to Manchester a day after paying their respects at Westminster Hall, where the Queen is lying in state until Monday morning.

Sophie formed a close bond with the Queen and was known informally as Her Majesty's "second daughter".

Their relationship strengthened further after Prince Philip's death. Sophie was often invited to take Philip's place in the Queen's car at royal events, with Her Majesty saying she found her presence "soothing". During lockdown, Sophie would regularly drive to Windsor Castle to wave at the isolating Queen on her 20ft balcony.

The pair shared a love of military history and old war films. Sophie is even thought to have convinced the Queen to watch Netflix's The Crown.

She and Princess Anne's husband Sir Tim Laurence were the only non-blood relatives to join the close family in Scotland to mourn the monarch last week.

King Charles is expected to give Edward their late father's title of Duke of Edinburgh, with Sophie becoming its Duchess.

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KING'S FLYING START



Busy . . . Charles after helicopter flight

KING CHARLES

By PAUL SIMS

TIRELESS King Charles was still working yesterday after travelling 1,500 miles in his first week as monarch.

The grieving monarch was on "state business" at his Highgrove home in Gloucestershire and will today head to Wales. He has faced a relentless schedule since learning of the Queen's failing health last Thursday.

His flew 150 miles by helicopter from Dumfries House to Balmoral Castle where his "darling mama" died.

Next day, he flew from Aberdeen to RAF Northolt in West London before he was taken to Buckingham Palace where he met crowds of mourners.

He was formally proclaimed King Charles III the next day and on Monday addressed Parliament at Westminster Hall before flying to Edinburgh.

The King then led a procession behind the Queen's coffin to St Giles' Cathedral after which he flew to Belfast before returning to London for the arrival of the Queen's coffin.

On Wednesday, he took part in the procession to Westminster Hall where his mother is lying in state. Today, he goes to Wales as King, having spent 53 years as Prince of Wales.

A spokesman for the King said: "People who've worked with him know he's resilient and hard-working."

BIRTHDAY IS LOW-KEY

HARRY & MEGHAN

PRINCE Harry celebrated his 38th birthday yesterday privately with his wife Meghan.

But, in a further sign of an ending to the royal feud, his brother the Prince of Wales reassured well-wishers that he had "not forgotten" the date.

Harry and William had been side-by-side in London on Wednesday.

Speaking to a royal fan at Sandringham yesterday, William said: "It is his birthday today – you're absolutely right, it is."



Then asked if he'd forgotten, the Prince said: "No, I've not forgotten." It is not known how Harry celebrated, but it is thought he and Meghan, *left*, were not at their Frogmore Cottage home.

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Army vet's gutsy rise to feet for last salute



Resolute . . . Nick hails 'boss'

By AMIR RAZAVI

A WHEELCHAIR-user Army Afghanistan veteran struggled to his feet to salute the Queen one last time after queuing for hours to pay tribute.

Determined former Sgt Nick Wilson waited patiently with thousands of other mourners yesterday for a final opportunity to honour his late Commander-in-Chief.

Just after 1pm, Nick, 46 – who has a severe spinal injury – got his chance as he approached the Queen's coffin in Westminster Hall.



Brave . . Nick outside hall

He dug deep to lift himself for the final gesture.

Nick, who also served in Northern Ireland, Kosovo and Iraq during his 15 years in the Royal Logistic Corps, wanted to show his respects while standing up, come what may.

Nick, from Towcester, Northants, said: "I still have an element of mobility so I stood for a moment and gave my boss a salute one last time.

"I swore an oath of allegiance to serve Queen and country and I was desperate to pay my final respects.

"I got in there just as they did Changing the Guard so I got an extra couple of minutes there. As I turned my wheelchair and left the hall, it hit me and I had a cry. It was very emotional."

6 dogs are sniffed out

SIX dog-lovers have tried to sneak their pets into Westminster Hall to see the Queen lying in state.

Authorities, who are imposing strict rules, had to step in to stop people trying to hide the hounds under their coats.

It emerged that nearly 300 people had been medical assistance along the route to see the Queen's coffin.

Some 291 were treated by ambulance teams by midnight on Wednesday.

Another 17 required hospital treatment after waiting for long hours in the queue.





Overcome with emotion . . mourners dab tears on seeing Queen's coffin yesterday

It's silent and incredibly moving. It was almost like magic. I wasn't expecting the effect it would have on me.

TEARS OF

Mourners enter hall in high spirits

MOURNERS yesterday told how the emotional power of seeing the Queen's coffin reduced them to tears.

After queuing patiently for hours on end, they arrived at Westminster Hall excited – but many were then overcome in the sombre setting.

Some have even been offered support after finding the experience so highly emotional.

Sabina Webber, 59, spoke of the jovial atmosphere while queuing for six hours before her mood unexpectedly shifted. The pet carer from Stoke Newington, North East London, said: "It was really emotional. As soon as you step into the hall, it's silent and incredibly moving. It was almost like magic.

"I have total respect for the Queen, a woman who gave up her life for us and so I just had to come here – but I wasn't expecting the effect it would have on me."

Former Ministry of Defence worker Joy Sharpe, 63, also queued for six hours and could not stop sobbing as she left the hall with husband Kevin, 66. The mum, who set out from her home in Loughborough, Leics, at 4am yesterday, said: "I would've queued for 30 hours if I needed to.

"She's the only Queen I've ever known and she was a lovely lady. I walked by the coffin and curtsied but then I broke down and cried uncontrollably. Maybe it's because she means so much to us and has been through thick and thin."

Lindy Diaper, 54, a Suffolk reflexologist, said: "It was completely silent in the Hall. It was incredible. I didn't expect it to have such a powerful effect.

"Seeing the coffin was so real and so final." One of the thousand volunteers keeping watch over the queue on the other side of the Thames said: "Everyone has been in great spirits. People are making friends with those around them and looking after each other.

"But on the other side, my colleagues have had to offer support to people once they have actually passed through Westminster Hall and seen the coffin.

"It's been very emotional for some, and distressing."

Amy Harris, 34, described the atmosphere in Westminster Hall as "breathtaking" and "very peaceful".

Among the estimated 3,000 people arriving each hour to see the

By RICHARD MORIARTY, ANDY ROBINSON and JAMES SOMPER

BREAK SILENCE AT COFFIN





Crying for our beloved Queen . . many were in tears on leaving Westminster Hall

A CROWN then leave overcome with emotion

Queen lying in state was her former Prime Minister Theresa May and her husband Philip.

Dressed in black, Mrs May curtsied as she passed the coffin of the Queen, who she described in the Commons as "the most remarkable person I have ever met".

The coffin is being guarded at all hours by units from the Sovereign's Bodyguard, the Household Division or Yeoman Warders of the Tower of London. One who blacked out on Wednesday evening is said to have "recovered shortly afterwards".

The Hall is open 23 hours a day, shutting for 60 minutes at 3am to clean, until just before Monday's state funeral. Painter and decorator Steve Brownsell, 64, wife Christine, 63, and son Harry, 35, joined the queue at 3.45am after coming from Hemel Hempstead, Herts.

Steve said: "What really moved me was the amount of uniformed ex-servicemen and women who you'd see fixing their badges and berets before paying their respects."

Christine, who works with special needs children, added: "It was a lovely atmosphere. Everyone was sharing drinks and snacks. We all even broke into a sing-song of Vera Lynn's We'll Meet Again. This really has united the country."

Donna Bailey, 48, was in floods of tears and comforted by husband Peter, 54, after arriving on a coach from Rotherham, South Yorks. She said: "As I came out, the enormity of this moment just hit me. I just started crying and couldn't stop.

"Seeing the coffin with the crown on top in this remarkable building just set me off. When you see it on TV, it can't prepare you for this. Being within touching distance of such an amazing lady just became too much for me."

At 7.30pm tonight, the Queen's four children will join mourners to stand guard in a repeat of Monday's vigil at Edinburgh. Ivor Wallace, mayor of Causeway Coast and the Glens Borough Council, left his home in Northern Ireland at 4am yesterday and queued for six hours.

He said: "It was surreal and emotional, but lovely to be a part of history.

"I think seeing her coffin on the platform after it was received by her children made you realise this is the loss of a mother.

"But she was our Queen and the nation's gran."

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Respects . . . May yesterday

Cabinet duo are on guard

TWO members of Liz Truss's Cabinet stood vigil at the Queen's coffin as she lay in state in Westminster Hall.

Scottish Secretary Alister Jack and Defence Secretary Ben Wallace, *inset below*, stood solemnly in dark uniforms yesterday at the raised platform on which the coffin rested



Both men are members of the Royal Company of Archers, which functions as the sovereign's bodyguard in Scotland.

The unit also watched over the coffin while it was in St Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh, earlier in the week.

The Queen's coffin is being guarded in Westminster Hall at all hours.



Solemn duty . . . minister Mr Jack

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ELIZABETH II: 1926-2022



SUN MEETS



They came the realm to

SNAKING for miles beside the slow-flowing Thames, a kaleidoscope of humanity had come to pay their final respects to the Queen.

The queue represented the best of modern, multicultural Britain, with mourners arriving from all corners of Elizabeth II's realm and beyond.

Decent folk who loved the Queen and their country. The silent majority whose voices aren't much heard over the shrill loudmouths that populate much of social media.

Stretching for about five miles from Bermondsey Beach to Westminster Hall, where the Queen lies in state, the line of mourners seems to have captured the national mood.

From **OLIVER HARVEY** in the London queue

Respectful and polite, friendships were instantly forged and sandwiches shared as they joined the Elizabeth Line.

Close to Tower Bridge, Titlilayo Owootomo, in her 50s, told me: "The atmosphere in the queue is beautiful. It's so nice to see so many people from all backgrounds and all faiths. That's what the Queen represented in her lifetime.

"It's wonderful to see so many people coming together to honour her. I will help the nation grieve."

The health visitor was queuing with friends Adeola Olaniyan, 60, and Tokunbo Ogumlowow, in her 50s, from Dartford, Kent.

Undaunted by the nine-hour wait to be in the presence of their late monarch, reminiscences were shared and personal stories revealed.

With quiet dignity, they queued past HMS Belfast, its Union flag fluttering at half mast in a light breeze. On the other side of the Thames, the white stone of William the Conqueror's Tower of London was vivid in the sunshine.

Near London Bridge, Ghana-born Joseph Afrane, 58, had struck up a new friendship with Hester Leung, who arrived in Britain two years ago from Hong Kong.

In Union flag sunglasses and tie, security guard Joseph, 58, from Battersea, South London, said: "It's a long queue but the atmosphere is fantastic. I'm by myself but I've met Hester queuing behind me and we're having a good natter.

"I come from a Commonwealth background and moved to Britain 30 years ago.

"I dress up and go to all the big royal occasions from Trooping the

'It's people from all backgrounds and all faiths'
- TITLILAYO OWOOTOMO

'It's lovely.. everyone is pleasant and polite'
- SANDY POCHIN

'It's a long queue..we're having a good natter'
- JOSEPH AFRANE

MOURNERS IN 5-MILE QUEUE



from all over to say goodbye

Queue-buster . . . giving out copies of The Sun

Colour to all the Queen's Jubilees." Retired mum-of-two Hester, 63, who now lives in High Wycombe, Bucks, said: "Joseph has been a hero entertaining me as we queued.

"I am very thankful for everything this country has offered me so I want to pay tribute to the Queen."

Charlotte Lewis from The Sun's marketing department handed copies of Thursday's paper to those with hours to fill as they waited.

The queue then wound past London Bridge and foodie heaven Borough Market where some peeled off for sustenance.

Mum-of-six Lisa Winfield, 49, from Eastbourne, East Sussex, was with her 11-year-old twin daughters Celine and Danni. She said: "Everyone has come together from all backgrounds. That's how the Queen has always done it.

"She didn't care where you came from. Now she's brought everyone together again."

On the queue flowed, like the great river on its flank.

Sanjaya Fernando, 28, and wife Shanesha Ranasinghe, 28, had travelled from Cheltenham, Gloucs.

Student Sanjaya said: "When we heard she'd passed away it was really sad for us so we wanted to come and visit her.

"We've had great interactions with other people. It's a long queue so there's plenty of opportunity to meet people." Farther down the Thames, the Tate Modern Gallery flew banners of pop artist Andy Warhol's classic 1985 silkscreen print of the Queen.

Mums Ainsley Blackburn, 36, and Gemma Morton, 36, had travelled from Morpeth in Northumberland to pay their respects

Doctors' receptionist Ainsley said: "It's just so nice to be here. Everyone wants to hear where you've come from and how you're feeling."

Police officer Gemma added: "Britain does this sort of thing so well. It's very sad but a time to be thankful was well."

Retired couple Simon Wilson, 67, and Sandy Pochin, 74, had come by train from Hale, Greater Manchester. Sandy said: "It's a lovely atmosphere. Everyone is very pleasant, polite and queueing nicely. The British are great at queueing."

But people hadn't just come from the UK to mourn the monarch.

Bernadette Christie, 68, booked a flight to London from the Canadian province of Alberta two minutes after the Queen's death was announced and has been camping in London as the funeral nears.

She said: "Thirty-six hours of no sleep and here I am. It's crazy but it's worth it. The weather is similar to Alberta – cold and damp."

On the queue went past Waterloo Station to Lambeth Palace, the official London residence of the Archbishop of Canterbury, over Lambeth Bridge and on to Britain's crucible of power, Westminster.

There, civil servant Richard Horley, 58, from Horley, Surrey, said: "I'll say a little prayer when I see her. I'll shed a tear. When something like this happens we gather and come together. That's how we are in Britain. The Queen has brought people together."

It's difficult to imagine many other countries pulling off such a feat of national mourning in the same manner.

For there's nothing more British than an orderly queue.

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'I'll say a prayer when I see her..I'll shed a tear'

- RICHARD HORLEY



'The Queen has brought everyone together'

- LISA WINFIELD



'I'm thankful for all this country has offered me'

- HESTER LEUNG



'We've had some great interactions with people'

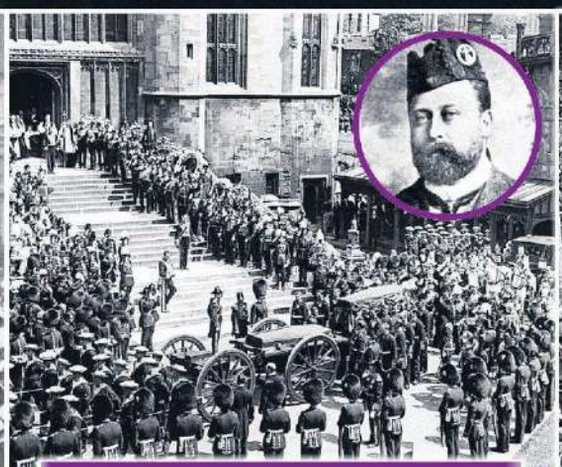
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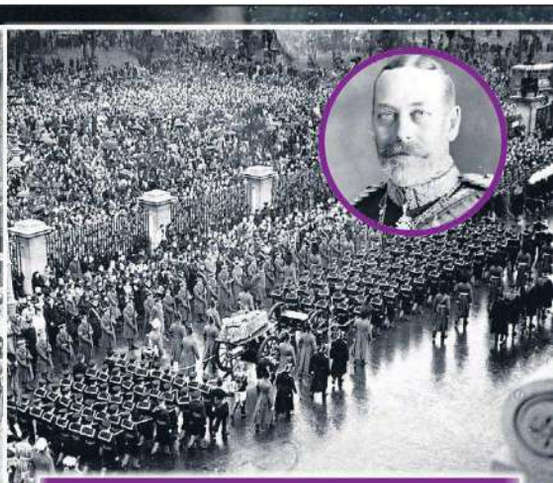
INCREDIBLE



QUEEN VICTORIA 1901



EDWARD VII 1910



GEORGE V 1936

'Ground arms and stand by to drag the gun carriage'

– PRINCE BATTENBURG'S ORIGINAL ORDER TO SAILORS

By **JEROME STARKEY,** Defence Editor, **and PAUL SIMS**

ROYAL Navy sailors will haul the Queen's coffin to her funeral by hand in a tradition that began 121 years ago.

The Senior Service earned the honour in 1901 after horses set to pull Queen Victoria's coffin reared up and had to be replaced.

Navy Captain Prince Louis of Battenburg asked the new King Edward VII to let his sailors save the day, at Windsor Royal Station on February 2.

The king agreed and Louis, who was married to King Edward's niece, issued the historic order: "Ground arms and stand by to drag the gun carriage."

On Monday, 138 sailors will take the ropes to draw the 2.5-tonne wooden carriage to Westminster Abbey. After the funeral service they will haul the carriage to Wellington Arch where the coffin will be placed in the state hearse and driven to Windsor.

Accounts of the Navy stepping in in 1901 describe how the horses were unharnessed "within minutes" and improvised ropes were lashed to the carriage.

Crowds watched as Victoria's coffin was hauled through Windsor.

Sailors did the same for King Edward VII in 1910. By then the Navy said, "the drill had been formalised and the honour of hauling the carriage has remained with the Royal Navy ever since".

The State Funeral Gun Carriage was built in the late 1890s to carry a breech-loading 12-pounder gun and has been used at every state funeral since.

Today the carriage is among the Navy's most prized possessions.

It was never used in conflict and was later fitted with tyres and a catafalque – a platform to carry a coffin – which sits above the gun's highly-polished barrel.

Sailors used the carriage to pull the coffins of King George V in 1936, King George VI in 1952 and wartime PM Sir Winston Churchill in 1965. It was last used to convey the remains of Lord Louis Mountbatten, the son of Prince Louis, when he was honoured with a ceremonial funeral after his murder by the IRA in 1979.

The carriage is kept on constant stand-by, suspended off the ground in a temperature and humidity-controlled environment to stop it rotting or drying out at the Navy's Portsmouth HQ.

Chief custodian Lt-Cdr Paul Barker polishes the carriage once a week and moves each wheel a quarter turn "to stop them going egg-shaped due to the weight of gravity". Stephen Prince, head of the Navy's historical branch, said of Monday: "It's probably going to be the biggest state funeral ever, in terms of people and world leaders attending."



Last used . . Mountbatten

Ninety-eight junior ratings known as the Sovereign's Guard will march in front of the carriage pulling it on four hand lines. Another 40 sailors behind the carriage will march with handlines to act as a brake.

The sailors were drawn from across the Navy and brought to HMS Collingwood, a shore base in Fareham, Hants, for training with the Navy's specialist State Ceremonial Team.

The Sun joined them on their parade ground as they put the finishing touches to rehearsals – which involved using a Union Jack in place of the Royal Standard.

Able Seaman Murray Kerr, 20, from Ayr, said he spent 12 hours – often in pouring rain – getting the drills up to scratch.

He gave up a job as a warehouse worker to join the Navy earlier this year. He said: "I never thought I would get to do something like this. I thought there would be people more qualified than me. Now I feel a responsibility to give something back to this woman who dedicated her life to this country. She was my boss.

"It's one of the biggest moments of not just this century so far but the last century too.

"I can tell my grandchildren and inspire them to do similar things."

The sailors had to pass a drill inspection by the new King's Household Division led by Major General Christopher Ghika.

He said: "The eyes of the world will be upon us. I'm expecting everybody on parade will deliver a spectacular performance which will do tribute to the Queen."

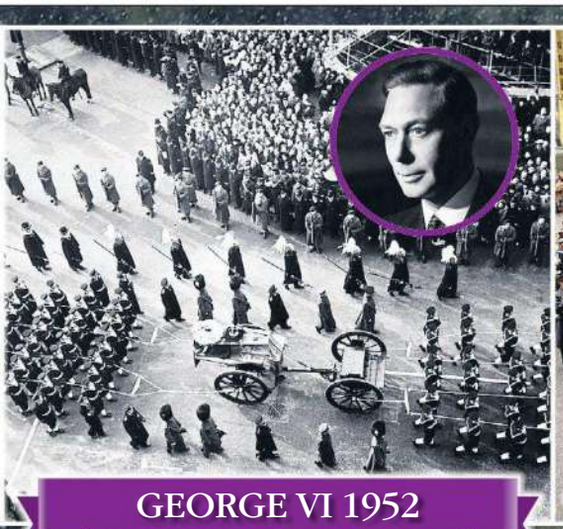
Navy Commander Steve Elliott, the carriage team's second-in-command, insisted the outcome of the inspection was never in doubt.

He said: "We always knew we were going to meet the standard. They left happy."

The funeral march marks the final duty for Cdr Elliott after a 32-year career. He told The Sun: "As a last duty for my Queen and country, it's a bit emotional, an amazing honour and privilege."

He met the Queen in 2017 when he became the first naval officer to

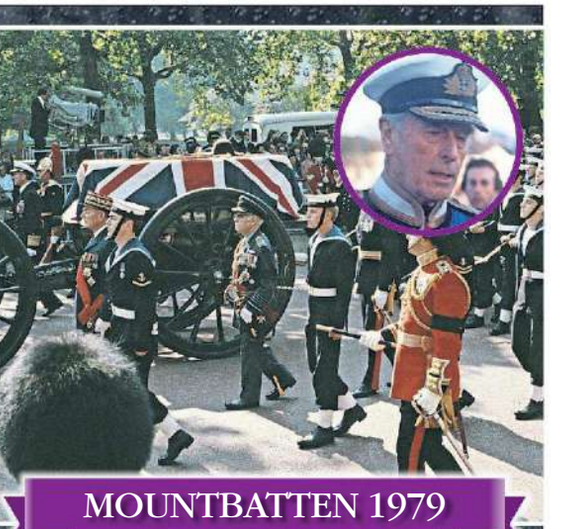
STORY BEHIND TRADITION



GEORGE VI 1952



CHURCHILL 1965



MOUNTBATTEN 1979





In it for the long haul . . . ratings rehearse with the carriage



Historic . . . carriage was built in 1890s

captain a Queen's Guard since Sir Walter Raleigh protected Queen Elizabeth I some 414 years earlier.

Cdr Elliott's sailors provided a guard at four royal residences including Buckingham Palace and Windsor Castle.

When he met the Queen at Windsor, he said she told him with a twinkle in her eye: "It is always nice to be looked after by the Senior Service."

Cdr Elliott will march with Capt Catherine Jordan, the commander of HMS Collingwood, in front of the sailors pulling the carriage. Capt Jordan said: "Everyone wants to do their duty for someone who did their duty for such a long time.

"The team is really motivated. They understand how serious the task is. They want to get it right."

They will be at heart of a funeral procession of 2,089 troops including soldiers from Commonwealth nations and Royal Air Force personnel.

Rear Admiral Jude Terry, the Navy's director of people and training, said it was all about "saying thank you to our Queen".

She said: "All of us have been working for her throughout our careers. It's an enormous privilege to be able to say goodbye." Sailors in the Sovereign's Guard will be flanked by the King's Bodyguard – including Foot Guards and Household Cavalry, the Bands of the Scots and Grenadier guards and a tri-service honour guard.

Around 1,000 Navy personnel were involved across all the ceremonies, Capt Jordan said, with another 400 assigned to help police steward the events.

Among them is Able Seaman Ryan Howarth, 25, who joined the Navy only in February.

He is due to line the route, facing the coffin with his back to the crowd. He said: "It feels shocking. When I joined I'd never think that I'd be able to do something like this."

Police have the lead for crowd control on the day but the sailors have been warned to watch out "in case the crowd gets rowdy".

He has been told he could stand on one spot for six hours.

As the coffin approaches he will move from "at ease" to bowing his head with his SA80 assault rifle pointed down.

As it passes he will be ordered to perform a "royal salute". He said: "It's a big honour."

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2.5TONNES OF HISTORY

- **THE Royal Navy's State Funeral Gun Carriage never saw active service.**
- **IT was fitted with a coffin platform for ceremonial duties in 1899.**
- **MADE of wood with metal fixtures and rubber tyres, it weighs 2.5tonnes.**
- **IT is suspended in high humidity on HMS Excellent in Portsmouth to stop it rotting or drying out.**
- **THE gun will get its first refurbishment in almost 40 years after the funeral.**



THE Sun SAYS

A sea of love for our Royals

TAKE a look at the ocean of flowers outside the palaces and royal residences.

Look at the mourners queuing for miles alongside the Thames for a few fleeting moments opposite the Queen's coffin.

Look at the staggering numbers expected in London on Monday.

Look at the forecasts for global TV viewers . . . as many as four billion, more than half the population of the planet, the biggest television event in history.

These are the true measures of the Queen's worldwide fame, the popularity of our Royal Family and the fascination it holds – which we confidently predict will remain undimmed long after the new King's reign is well-established.

This is the real world – not the broiling, hate-filled version on social media where troll after nameless troll spits bile about unelected royals and their total cost to the public purse (a cost, in fact, vastly outweighed by the income they bring into Britain).

And where tone-deaf, forgotten talent show novelty acts try to reclaim the spotlight by abusing the monarchy.

Array of races

We do not, thank God, live in the world of Twitter, that magnet for the hateful and clueless. Nor in the imaginary Britain of the woke infants at the New York Times, hacks so addicted to that social media cesspit that they devote their careers to concocting lies about the UK for "likes".

It helps them pander to the know-nothing US Left to pretend from 3,500 miles away that Britain, post-Brexit, is a nation of white supremacists. It is laughable. We all know the reality.

Look at the array of races, creeds and ages united in that queue to honour our Queen. Our people love the pageantry, tradition, continuity and stability the monarchy provides. They love that the best of our Royal Family dedicate themselves to unstinting duty and service.

Mostly the royals remain in the background of our lives. Occasionally – as with the weddings of William and Harry and the deaths of Princess Diana and now the Queen – they are thrust centre-stage. Then, Britain does not hesitate to show its love and support.

Royal fans, and they are the overwhelming majority, crave no alternative. They have seen the troubles of some nations with elected Presidents. It's not for them.

Britain's dwindling band of republicans can rant. It's a free country. But they are wasting their breath. Twitter is the only place they have any traction.

Good luck with that.



CLASS ACT . . . Queen on theatre visit in East London in 2015

A woman who was selfless in the age of the selfie



By DOUGLAS MURRAY

IT has been a wonderful thing to see – the thousands of people queuing to pay their respects to the late Queen.

Watching the miles of queues in Westminster and the crowds that lined the procession from Balmoral, it looks like the nation is truly recognising what we have lost.

But if we are to pay proper tribute to our late Queen then it seems to me we should reflect not just on how we miss her, but *why* we miss her.

One reason is because she represented values that we sense we have lost. It is a strange thing.

We clearly admired Queen Elizabeth for her virtues. For her consistency and courage, her decency and steadfastness.

Her putting of others – and especially the nation – ahead of herself. For her faith.

'Mustn't grumble'

And yet these virtues are completely the opposite of the ones that our own age seems to hold to.

Our age is not the age of putting others first but of putting ourselves first of all.

It is the age of the "influencer" – the person who puts themselves at the centre of the universe and pushes everybody else to the sides.

It is the age of the selfie, where it seems as though it is our presence that makes other things interesting.

You see some of this among those usually hyperactive types who, instead of silently paying their respects to the Queen as her coffin passes, whip out their mobile phones and hold them aloft, desperate for a moment to share with their "followers". Desperate to put themselves at the centre of the event. To show other people that they were there.

And, in a way, that is precisely the opposite of the sort of attitude that the Queen stood for. You may say that it is easy to avoid trying to be the centre of attention if you are the monarch.

But it is also the case that she stood for a more self-restrained age. An age in which people did not try to be showy. In which you did not have to put on a show of displaying emotions in order to be known to have them.

We all have memories of that Britain. The pre-Diana Britain, you might say. Certainly the pre-Meghan Britain.

The Britain where people played themselves down instead of bigging themselves up. Where self-deprecation was the national sport, rather than a culture of self-esteem.

The Britain of "mustn't grumble" rather than non-stop whining.

The Britain of getting on with things rather than having some "me-time".

This was the Britain that many of us grew up with and it is a Britain that often seems unrecognisable from the one we currently inhabit. Certainly, there were things about that Britain that it was good to change.

It isn't endlessly good to keep your emotions buttoned up.

It isn't always good to keep a stiff upper lip.

But the opposites turn out to be infinitely worse. Letting your emotions out all the time isn't good for you either, and certainly isn't good for the people around you.

Having a permanently wobbly lip isn't much fun for anyone.

The Britain of restraint and calm and quiet emotion is a Britain that some of us still miss.

And they were epitomised in the form of the late Queen.

Dignified restraint

When she swore herself to a life of service to this country, aged 21, it wasn't an empty promise.

And it wasn't one she ever broke.

She kept that promise right to the very end, in spite of the pain it must often have been and the boredom that must have occasionally set in.

It seems to me that one of the reasons why we are in mourning is because we still value the virtues that the Queen epitomised – of quiet service and dignified restraint.

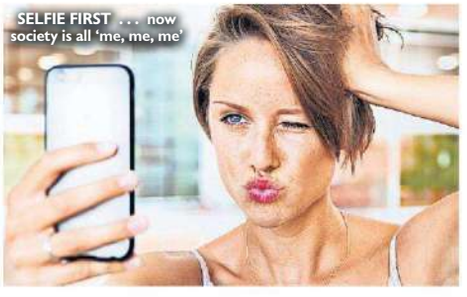
But it is odd to respect values that you no longer hold.

People will be saying a lot in the days ahead about what the Queen meant to us and what we have lost. And it will be sincere and true.

But perhaps the greatest honour we could do her is not just to admire her but to emulate her.

To emulate her life of service to others. To emulate her service to the greater good of the nation.

And to remember that a life of service to people other than ourselves is not a wasted or unnoticed life but is, in fact, the best life of all.



SELFIE FIRST . . . now society is all 'me, me, me'



Hit . . . Courtney

Mum at scene of her girl's car death

By RICHARD MORIARTY

THE mum of a girl killed by a 93mph driver saw the crash scene and felt sad for those involved – before learning her daughter had died.

Angela Burke told the man who killed 14-year-old Courtney Ellis: "I will never forgive you."

Courtney died when she was hit by Brandon Turton's Renault in 2020.

Liverpool crown court heard Turton, 21, was "showing off or driving in anger" in a 30mph zone after failing to woo a female passenger.

Angela, who has three other children, passed the scene after work and said: "I recall feeling sad for the people involved.

"Little did I know my child was lying in the road. I wasn't there when she needed me most."

Turton, of Newton-le-Willows, admitted death by dangerous driving and was jailed for six years and nine months.



Missions . . . Jim

Band of Brothers war hero dies, 101

By AMIR RAZAVI

A PARATROOPER who fought in the regiment immortalised in the Band of Brothers TV series has died aged 101.

Private Jim "Pee Wee" Martin parachuted into Nazi-occupied France with the US 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment ahead of the D-Day landings.

He went on to jump into the Netherlands for Operation Market Garden, fought in the Battle of the Bulge and helped capture Hitler's Eagle's Nest mountain-top retreat.

The operations all featured in the Steven Spielberg TV mini-series released in 2001.

Pte Martin died peacefully at his home in Ohio, US, on Sunday.

It is thought he was the last survivor of the 506th regiment, whose E "Easy" Company featured in the HBO series.

A bronze statue of him is to be erected in tribute in Sugarcreek, Ohio.



STAR KATE LOOKING GLOVELY

VERY EXCLUSIVE

Harrods takeaway? Deliverooh that's posh

£125 CAVIAR ON MENU

By STEPHEN MOYES

HARRODS has launched a takeaway pizza and burger service — but the prices will be hard to swallow.

The posh department store will cook and deliver £25 meat feast pizzas, chicken and chips at £39 or burger and chips at £49 to your door.

Its pricey offerings – also including a £150 wagyu fillet steak and £125 pots of caviar – are available to order through Deliveroo or SUPPER London.

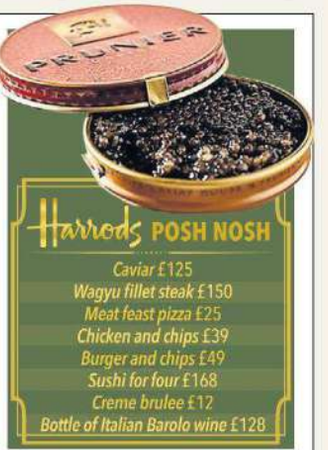
Also available from its kitchens are a ribeye steak at £48 and a fillet steak at £64 – but you will need to cook your own veg as both come without any accompaniments.

Puddings such as crème brulee and tiramisu are £12.

The service is available within the Zone 1 transport area of central London.

Delivery starts at £1.99 for a minimum £7 order.

The gourmet takeaway is on offer from the Knightsbridge store's food outlets – The Grill, The Fish Bar, The Pasta Bar, Kama by Vineet, The Sushi Bar, Pizzeria, Chai Wu, Caviar House & Prunier, and The Lebanese Bakery. Ready to cook offerings are also on offer from its renowned Food Halls.



But wherever it comes from, deep pockets are needed. Cans of Coke and Sprite are £4 and the cheapest bottle of wine is £42.

Chunky chips are £9.50 and a bowl of mashed potato costs £7.95.

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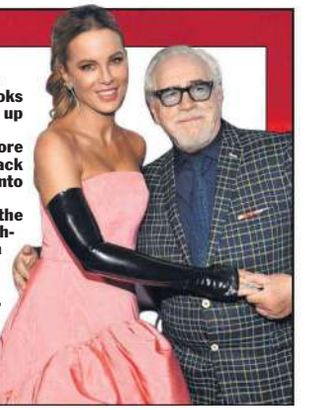
By EMILY WEBBER

KATE Beckinsale looks well and truly gloved up at a movie premiere.

The Brit actress, 49, wore a flared pink gown with black latex gloves for the Toronto International Film Festival.

Kate was in Canada for the screening of Prisoner's Daughter, in which she plays a woman who is reconnected with her dying convict father.

Scots co-star Brian Cox, 76, whose character is granted compassionate release, was also at the festival, *right*.



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Unexpected morons in the bagging area

TIPPING POINT, Ben Shephard: "Occurring in June, the longest day of the year in the northern hemisphere takes place in which season?"

Helen: "Spring."

Ben Shephard: "Which European country is known in its native language as Deutschland?"

Chloe: "Holland."

Ben Shephard: "The chocolate treat Kinder Surprise is typically sold in the shape of which poultry product?"

Susie: "Chicken."

BBC2's South America presenter Simon Reeve slyly trying to blame Venezuela's collapse on "American sanctions" rather than its barmy left-wing government.

Absolutely none of the dimwit Masked Dancer judges suggesting the Riverdancing Tomato Sauce character might be Steph McGovern.

And BBC1's coverage of Scotland's Service

Random TV irritations

For HM The Queen hitting the skids at the exact moment "special guest" Lulu said: "And the third time I met her I was with Chaka Khan and Anastacia."

So if everyone could avoid asking Lulu about the first and second times she met the Queen, it would be appreciated, thanks



'PERSONALITY'. . McCann

Enders briefly made contact with reality... and it was beautiful

OVER on EastEnders, this week, little Tommy Moon slightly underplayed the disaster that was about to hit the Square when he said: "The twins have done something terrible."

For it was a worse calamity than he or any of the show's other little toe-rags ever thought possible.

They'd invited Shane "Alfie Moon" Richie back, without a packet of Daz, but armed with a dangerously open-ended question for Kat Slater: "What's going on here?"

Well, where the hell do you start, without mentioning the catastrophic ratings decline?

But the short answer, I suppose, is "Same s**t, different names". For if a woman hangs around Walford long enough she will eventually have to marry Phil Mitchell. And, on Monday, it was meant to be Kat's turn.

Righteous fury

News which surprised Alfie almost as much as it pained him, because the last time he appeared on EastEnders, in 2019, Phil was threatening to kill Kat.

If he wants to survive in this hell pit, though, Alfie will quickly have to re-adjust to the fact it's not just Kat, it's the entire E20 postcode that's suffering from mass amnesia.

To give but one example, last month, Ranveer Gulati was beaten to death with a clock, by his son Ravi, while attempting to rape Suki Panesar, but was then forgotten about as completely as McKlunky's chicken shop and The Queen Vic's mixed-gender football team.

There's been no mention of him since then, let alone any investigation from Walford plod, who've probably got their hands full given that, in recent weeks, Ben's also been raped and teacher Frankie's just been sexually harassed by a random male, who's unrelated to the group of boys who sexually harassed her at school, or the other group of men who sexually harassed her in the restaurant, on Wednesday.

A plague of attacks and lectures that was going to continue, Frankie assured us, until: "Boys were educated."

An unusual way to try to attract young viewers, but you get the picture, I hope?

EastEnders was in yet another frenzy of righteous woke fury when real life intruded in the saddest possible way, last week, with the death of the Queen. One of those seismic national events that forced the show to do a late insert. Personally, I always dread these moments, as they're usually dictated by football, which is another working-class passion EastEnders clearly disdains.

So it either involves dialogue that sounds more like a Pathé newsreel or a cringe-mongering scene, like the all-female conga round The Vic, which marked England's women's Euro victory.

On Monday the perilous task fell to Kathy Beale and Denise Fox, who had to engage in a few wistful reflections with the soap's token royalist, Linda Carter, whose love of the Royal Family is regarded as an eccentric character quirk by the show rather than the natural order of things, as it is in the real London.

Just at the moment I thought EastEnders had blown it and was going through the motions, though, something rather unexpected and magical happened. Linda placed a picture of Elizabeth II in front of the Queen Victoria bust and said simply: "Look after her, won't you." In terms of the sentiment and economy of words, it could hardly have been more beautifully judged or affecting.

The reason it had extra impact, though, was that, just for once, EastEnders was being led by the spot-on instincts of its viewers who, as the past week's incredible scenes have demonstrated, are driven by a deep sense of patriotism and love for the Queen.



MOVING . . Linda places picture of Queen by Victoria's bust. *Right*, Alfie's back

Ceased hostilities

This is highly unusual for the BBC1 soap, which has recently given every indication it regards the working class as sexist, racist, homophobic monsters who, without their constant hectoring, would be forming right-wing terror cells like the Aaron Monroe-led gang who tried to blow up Walford's since forgotten mosque at the turn of the year.

It'd be nice to think Monday marked the point EastEnders ceased hostilities, stopped regarding all men as b*****ds and women as their long-suffering victims who've all got the inexplicable hots for Phil Mitchell.

But last time I looked, Kat's wedding was back on and Tracey, the silent Queen Vic barmaid, had just claimed Phil was: "The best sex I ever had."

On that bombshell . . .

FERNE'S NO GLAM MAM . . .

A CONFRONTATION for the ages on Sunday's episode of Celebrity SAS: Who Dares Wins.

On one side of the table, Mark "Billy" Billingham MBE, Warrant Officer first class, who served his country for 27 years and won The Queen's Commendation for Bravery.

On the other, Towie's Ferne McCann, who successfully collected eight stars during I'm A Celeb's Panic Pit Bushtucker Trial, back in 2015. As a contest then, it was over the moment Billy hit her with these curveballs: "Who are you? And what do you do?"

Two questions that go to the heart of one of SAS: WDW's biggest problems. Because, on the one hand, you've got a voiceover insisting the 14 celebs are "leaving their glamorous lives behind".

While on the other, you've got Ferne, alongside other obscurities like Pete Wicks, Shannon Courtenay, Ashley Cain and Jonathan Broom-Edwards, who aren't leaving any such thing behind. Plus former Brookside actress Jennifer Ellison, who didn't really help the viewers out by admitting: "I don't know who I am or what I'm doing."

Unlike Ferne though, who tried to bluster it out with Billy, Jennifer doesn't have a monstrous showbiz ego, but she still has the same tiresome capacity for self-pity as all the young contestants, and claimed: "For the last 11 years, it's almost like the Jennifer Ellison switch has been switched off."

Click. 11 years and 37 minutes.

CELEBRITY SAS: Who Dares Wins: "My name is Ferne McCann and I guess I'm like a TV personality."

Then guess again.

FIRST Time Mum, Ferne McCann: "I'm almost like the poster girl for bladder leaks." Closer.

■ Column returns on October 7.

lookalike of the week



THIS week's winner is EastEnders' Sharon Watts and Brian Connolly from The Sweet. Emailed in by Valerie Bowler. Picture research: AMY READING

Great sporting insights

PEP GUARDIOLA: "Haaland is a striker that you can't buy. Unless you pay."

Jermaine Jenas on Spurs: "They've turned up to Lisbon today and not turned up again."

Paul Merson: "If Liverpool get going, they get going. Because when they click, they click."

(Compiled by Graham Wray)

STEPH'S Packed Lunch, Steph McGovern: "For the first time, the top four government jobs do not feature a white man. That's got to be a good thing, hasn't it?"

Erm. Why?

Unless you're just a different sort of bigot?

TV GOLD

BBC2's brilliant documentary series The Boys From Brazil: Rise Of The Bolsonaros, which is the best thing on TV at the moment.

Welcome To Wrexham, on Disney+. House Of The Dragon achieving lift-off with its fourth Sky Atlantic episode.

And the timely return of Mortimer and Whitehouse, who provided the most welcome relief from Friday's events by explaining the science of barbecuing, on BBC2's Gone Fishing: "No virus can survive over 60 degrees."

"Says who?"

"Van Halen."

AT some point during the BBC's superb coverage of the week's sad events, we will all probably have been knocked sideways by the awful realisation: "She's gone."

My own came during the Queen's final journey from Balmoral to Aberdeen – a place I know well and love like nowhere else on Earth.

It's never looked more heartbreakingly beautiful, though, than it did on Sunday, lined with the people of Royal Deeside, whose tribute was so characteristically dignified and silent it clearly surprised some members of Jane Hill's BBC team, who've become used to far more demonstrative displays of grief, in recent times.

Yet, by honouring her in this way, they demonstrated not only why the Queen chose to live among kindred spirits but why they, in return, loved and embraced this remarkable woman and will ensure her legacy endures forever in Scotland.

GREAT TV lies and delusions of the month. The Big Breakfast, AJ Odudu: "Our next guest is one of the funniest women in the UK. It's the hilarious Rosie Jones."

Celebrity MasterChef, Kitty Scott-Claus: "I'm not just a pretty face."

Celeb Cooking School, Sam Thompson: "I'm like chlamydia. You have to take so many pills to get rid of me."

'Cos he's actually more like syphilis. A pain in the a*se who's now got inside my head.

BOILING COLD OUT HERE

By JAMES SOMPER

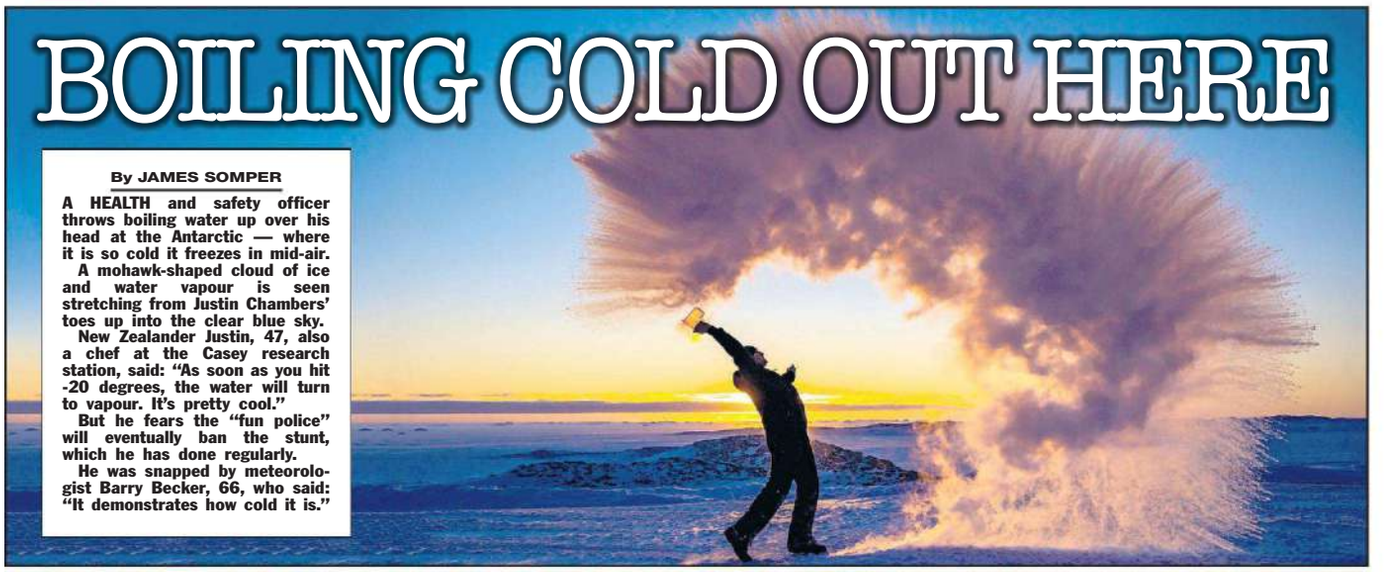
A HEALTH and safety officer throws boiling water up over his head at the Antarctic — where it is so cold it freezes in mid-air.

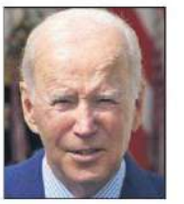
A mohawk-shaped cloud of ice and water vapour is seen stretching from Justin Chambers' toes up into the clear blue sky.

New Zealander Justin, 47, also a chef at the Casey research station, said: "As soon as you hit -20 degrees, the water will turn to vapour. It's pretty cool."

But he fears the "fun police" will eventually ban the stunt, which he has done regularly.

He was snapped by meteorologist Barry Becker, 66, who said: "It demonstrates how cold it is."





Flying in . . . president

Biden in first talks with PM

By NATASHA CLARK

JOE Biden is set to meet Liz Truss on Sunday for their first face-to-face chat since she became Prime Minister.

The US President and First Lady are expected to fly to London at the weekend.

Mr Biden is likely to hold talks with the new PM at No10 or her Chevening country residence.

The pair are also to meet in New York for the UN General Assembly summit next week.

Ms Truss will hold talks with several leaders and heads of state who are attending Monday's state funeral, despite the mourning period.

But she is not expected to see Chinese vice-president Wang Qishan.

Downing Street said it was a chance for leaders to remember Her Majesty.

CHANCELLOR HELPS FATCATS

BIG BANG ON BANK BONUSES

Row as Kwasi scraps cap

By JACK ELSOM and HARRY COLE

BANKER bonuses are set to rocket under Kwasi Kwarteng's plan to make Britain the world's financial powerhouse after Brexit.

The Chancellor is preparing to shred EU red tape – but could ask the City to invest in social care in return.

He is set to unveil his Big Bang 2.0 deregulation blitz at next Friday's mini-Budget. As part of the red tape bonfire, he is expected to allow fatcats to trouser millions by scrapping the cap on bonuses.

He is also set to ditch Brussels' Solvency II rules that limit insurance companies' investments in exchange for them pouring money into the cash-starved social care system.

Mr Kwarteng, *below*, is eyeing a trade-off whereby they plug the £13billion black hole left in the care budget by reversing the National Insurance rise.

But he has been accused of helping bankers line their pockets while most families are struggling just to pay the bills.

TUC boss Frances O'Grady said: "His priority should be getting wages rising for everyone – not boosting bumper bonuses for those at the top."



TAX CUT FRIDAY

TAX cuts worth billions will be announced next week by the Chancellor in his first mini-Budget.

Kwasi Kwarteng is set to lay out proposals on Friday to reverse the National Insurance increase and cancel the planned rise in corporation tax.

MPs also expect a big cost-of-living announcement, with an income tax decrease potentially brought forward.

PM Liz Truss said last week a cut to fuel duty, campaigned for by The Sun, may be on the cards.

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A&E 'WORST EVER'

By SAM BLANCHARD

PATIENTS went to A&E a record 16.6million times last year but a quarter of visits took longer than four hours – the worst performance on record.

Visits to major emergency departments surged in 2021, following a slowdown during the Covid crisis.

NHS bosses say at least 95 per cent of patients should be in and out within four hours but the average for 2021 was just 76.7 per cent. Dr Katherine Henderson, chief of the Royal College of Emergency Medicine, said: "Sadly the situation in A&Es is just getting worse."

NHS chiefs have been criticised for cancelling appointments on Monday because of the Queen's funeral bank holiday.



Upbeat . . . Deputy PM

COFFEY'S CREAMED

By JACK ELSOM

HEALTH Secretary Therese Coffey hit a wall of negativity when she urged her civil servants to be "positive and precise".

Deputy PM Ms Coffey emailed her working preferences to her new team, saying: "If we've done something good, let us say so."

One staffer called it "super patronising". Another said: "It does make you consider if you're in the right place." David Penman, of the FDA civil servants' union, said: "Leadership is about understanding how messages will be received and their impact – particularly on a workforce exhausted at all levels."

A Government source said it was "not unusual" for new ministers to set out their preferred ways of working for staff.

Joy over old heart

THE oldest known heart – a 380million-year-old ticker belonging to a fish – has been identified.

It was found in a rare and well-preserved fossil of the ancient arthrodires fish in west Australia.

The creature, said to have organs like a modern shark, lived in the Devonian era, 100million years before dinosaurs.

Researcher Professor John Longsaid: "These discoveries of soft organs are the stuff of palaeontologists' dreams."



TALK TV WEATHER with TALK TV's NAZANEEN GHAFFAR

TODAY: Mainly dry and bright with long spells of sunshine. However a chance of showers and the threat of gales across North Sea coastal areas. Gentle winds elsewhere.

TONIGHT: Any showers clearing to leave a pleasant evening with late sunny spells. Largely dry overnight, but a few showers are possible across northern Scotland. Strong winds in North Sea coastal areas.

OUTLOOK: A cold start tomorrow leading to a mainly dry day with periods of sunshine. Chance of more showers in northern Scotland. Sunday also mostly dry, but there could be some outbreaks of rain in overcast areas.

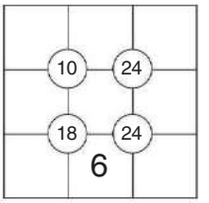
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Today's birthdays

SINGER **KATIE MELUA**, *left*, **38**, ex-Who drummer **KENNEY JONES**, **74**, former Elastica singer **JUSTINE FRISCHMANN**, **53**, S Club 7 star **TINA BARRETT**, **46**, and The Jonas Brothers' **NICK JONAS**, *right*, **30**.

●**Last night's Health Lottery numbers: 6, 25, 28, 37, 45. Bonus: 15**

CLOO AND THE GANG BACK FOR OCEAN'S 14

GEORGE Clooney is getting the Ocean's gang back together for a fourth heist movie.

He is set to be reunited in Ocean's Fourteen with fellow stars Brad Pitt and Matt Damon.

It comes 15 years after the last instalment in the smash hit franchise – based on the 1960 Rat Pack film Ocean's 11.

EXCLUSIVE by SIMON BOYLE and EMILY WEBBER

Hollywood stars Clooney, 61, Pitt, 58, and Damon, 51, had vowed 2007's Ocean's Thirteen would be their last outing.

But a source said: "Rumours of another film with George, Brad and Matt have swirled for years but the timing was off and their packed schedules meant it just wasn't possible. Finally, the right team has come together in a bid to make it a huge success and the main stars thought it would be good fun to revisit.

"The franchise is hugely popular and the brilliant storyline was an opportunity that was too good to miss."

Clooney (Danny Ocean), Pitt (Rusty Ryan) and Damon (Linus Caldwell) appeared in Ocean's Eleven, Twelve and Thirteen. But the 2008 death of cast member Bernie Mac at 50 put the possibility of another sequel on pause.

Last year, Damon hinted he would be up for a return but said it was in the hands of director Steven Soderbergh.

In 2018 spin-off Ocean's 8, Danny is dead and his sister Debbie (Sandra Bullock) leads an all-female gang of robbers.



Sequel . . Damon, Clooney & Pitt in 13

Diabetes milk help

DRINKING a glass of milk a day cuts the risk of type 2 diabetes by ten per cent, a study found.

Whey proteins in it modulate blood-sugar levels after eating.

Other dairy products help by about half as much, say experts.

Red meat raises the risk of diabetes by a fifth if 100g a day is eaten.

A European Association for the Study of Diabetes meeting in Stockholm will hear the findings.

OPEN & SHUT CASE

A bomb disposal team called to a "grenade" find rapidly realised it was a door knob in Burton Latimer, Northants.



Fans get shirty over 3 Lions kit

ENGLAND'S kits for the Qatar World Cup have been leaked — and fans are not impressed.

The alleged Nike retro designs have been panned on social media.

Some said the white home shirt, modelled by Harry Kane, *above*, was "horrendous". Others favoured the minimalistic red away strip, worn by Jack Grealish, *right*.



Allergic . . . Celia

Families' 'death by Pret' aid

By JAMES SOMPER

THE families of a mum and a teenager who died after eating Pret snacks met yesterday to support each other at an inquest into one of the deaths.

Mum-of-five Celia Marsh, 42, had a fatal allergic reaction when she ate milk products in a "dairy-free" wrap.

An inquest into the death of the dental nurse, of Melksham, Wilts, is ongoing in Bristol.

In court was Tanya Ednan-Laperouse, whose daughter Natasha, 15, died from a sesame seed allergy on a flight to France after eating an unlabelled Pret baguette.

She said: "We are supporting the Marsh family. Celia died a year after we lost our daughter.

"The great tragedy is that both of their deaths were avoidable." Celia's family did not comment.

Christian meet row

A CHRISTIAN campaign group is taking legal action against a Cambridge University college which banned it from booking a conference.

Christian Concern says Fitzwilliam College refused to allow a meeting of about 100 members of its Wilberforce Academy.

It claims it was told it was not inclusive and its beliefs were at odds with the college's values.

The college disputes discrimination allegations.

At a preliminary High Court hearing yesterday, Judge Sir Ross Cranston ruled the claim should be heard at a county court at a date to be fixed.

FLAP OF HONOUR

A goose named Derek, which became a popular figure in Watchet, Somerset, will be honoured with a memorial next month.



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Arrivals . . . yesterday

Migrants saved in Channel boat sink

By ISAAC CROWSON

DOZENS of migrants had to be rescued yesterday when their boat began sinking in the Channel.

A coastguard helicopter, a Border Force vessel and two lifeboats scrambled after the group's flimsy dinghy started to rapidly deflate at around 6am.

All 38 people on board were pulled safely out of the water by 7am.

They were brought into Dover, Kent, on Border Force cutter Ranger.

At 2pm yesterday, 40 more asylum seekers were intercepted in the Channel and brought to a Kent beach by the RNLI.

The number of migrants reaching the UK in small boats this year surpassed 29,000 on Wednesday, official figures show.

The total includes 538 intercepted in 11 separate incidents on Tuesday.

Last year, a total of 28,526 were detected. MP Natalie Elphicke said: "Action is needed now."



Light show . . was junk

'Queen's fireball' in sky hope burns up

By CHRIS POLLARD

A FIREBALL seen racing across the sky was space junk, say experts – ending hopes of a heavenly nod to the Queen.

The streak of light was spotted above northern England and Scotland.

It lasted for up to 20 seconds and some hoped it was a meteor – and a fitting astronomical tribute to Her Majesty.

There was speculation the resulting meteorite would be found in Queen Elizabeth Forest Park, in the Highlands, and would be named after her.

But the UK Meteor Network, which studied 800 reports, has declared: "This was space debris."

It says any remnant would have landed in the sea. Its findings are based on the trajectory and speed of the fireball.

But University of Glasgow expert Dr Aine O'Brien said: "The fact this has happened this week of all times just makes it extra special."

FAREWELL FOR OLIVIA, 9



Devastated . . . Olivia's mum Cheryl, right, walks behind daughter's coffin yesterday

'Liv touched many hearts. She was loved and adored'

— OLIVIA'S MOTHER CHERYL YESTERDAY

By RICHARD MORIARTY

TRAGIC Olivia Pratt-Korbel was laid to rest yesterday as her mum said: "She will never be forgotten."

Cheryl Korbel, 46, told how the nine-year-old – shot dead in her home – was so chatty her family joked she must have "Duracell batteries" inside her.

She said at her funeral: "Liv touched so many people's hearts and was loved and adored by everyone. She will never be forgotten.

"I'll never say goodbye but what I will say is 'Goodnight, love you, see you in the morning'."

Olivia's white coffin, with butterflies on the side, was brought in a horse-drawn carriage to St Margaret Mary's Church in Knotty Ash, Liverpool.

The public lined the road while mourners wore a "splash of pink" – her favourite colour.

Cheryl said in her eulogy that Olivia was born six weeks early and spent nine days in a special baby unit.

And her independent streak meant she chose her outfits even when very young. She said: "Although she loved sparkle and glitz, she would never go over-board and she was very particular."



Tribute . . . for Olivia

Olivia's classmates at St Margaret Mary's Catholic Junior School in Huyton did not attend but were allowed to wear pink nail varnish for the day and watch her favourite film, Matilda.

Olivia was shot in the chest by a gunman chasing a convicted drug dealer, who ran into her home. Cheryl was hit in the wrist as she opened the door to investigate noise outside on August 22. Nine people have been arrested on suspicion of involvement in her murder.



Paying respects . . crowd lines route for Olivia, right





Tributes . . flowers and teddies beside coffin



KEEN BANDIT EYES HITS


COLLABS . . . Grace, Jack and Luke

CLEAN BANDIT have plenty more hits on the way after teaming up with a string of chart stars and vowing to release more music than ever.

In an exclusive chat, cellist **GRACE CHATTO** said: "We were in the studio with **CENTRAL CEE** recently which was really exciting and we have a song with **JAMES ARTHUR** that should be coming out.

"We've made a few songs with **ELLA HENDERSON**, *inset below with James*. She's incredible. We got together recently and wrote loads of songs together."



It shouldn't be long before those tunes are out – following the release last week of new single Sad Girls – after Grace and **JACK** and **LUKE PATTERSON** tweaked their deal with Atlantic Records.

Grace added: "The last few years have been a little bit difficult in terms of being able to release what we wanted.

"But now we've decided we're going to release something every six weeks and the label has agreed to that so it means we can get out so many more songs which will be a lot more fun.

"We are writing songs every day but last year we only had one song out. We couldn't keep doing that."

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STRICTLY Come Dancing returns next Friday and if the line-up is anything to go by, we could be in store for fireworks on, and off, the dance floor.

Former Corrie actress KYM MARSH is a firm favourite and is always up for a laugh – and a boozy night out, in my experience.

Meanwhile retired Arsenal legend TONY ADAMS is just the right sort of sporting icon to throw a spanner in the works after he snubbed an offer from producers in 2016.

And following a turbulent year, newly single Countryfile presenter HELEN SKELTON may just welcome falling victim to the show's "curse".

The thought of cheesy musical numbers and sequins as the 20th series gets under way does not fill me with excitement.

But as long as pro dancer NADIYA BYCHKOVA survives the dance-offs, at least there will be something to tune in for.

IS MICHAEL'S AD A CRIMBO CRACKER?

HE has movies including **THE GREATEST SHOWMAN** and **ROBBIE WILLIAMS**' upcoming biopic under his belt but now film director **MICHAEL GRACEY** is to tackle a very different challenge – creating Sainsbury's Christmas advert.

He has kickstarted the race between the big four supermarkets for the best festive effort.

Michael, *inset*, worked on the retailer's 2018 commercial, depicting a primary school Christmas show, which was hailed the best festive advert by Conran Design Group. Now the supermarket is hoping to repeat the feat.

A source said: "Michael has some magical ideas for the Sainsbury's advert. It's going to tug at people's heartstrings.

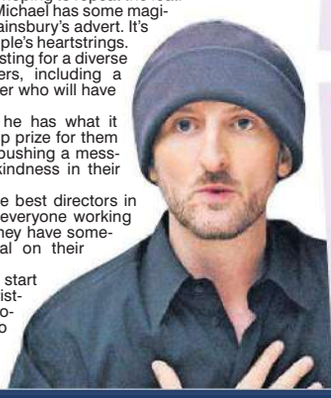
"He has been casting for a diverse range of characters, including a multi-racial teenager who will have the starring role.

"Michael thinks he has what it takes to win the top prize for them again and will be pushing a message of love and kindness in their advert.

"He is one of the best directors in the business and everyone working on the ad thinks they have something really special on their hands."

I can't bear to start thinking about Christmas but I know people look forward to watching the ads.

God help us all.



DISCLOSURE'S HOWARD LAWRENCE has followed SAM FENDER, SHAWN MENDES and JUSTIN BIEBER by backing out of touring after "struggling" with his wellbeing.

The DJ – in the duo with brother GUY – will miss their Australian tour. He told fans: "Sadly I've now hit a breaking point and need to take some time to look after myself."

SCOTT MILLS will join fiance Sam Vaughan when he heads to Radio 2 next month.

The DJ will take over from STEVE WRIGHT on weekday afternoons, having said an emotional farewell to Radio 1 last week after 24 years.

Scott's partner Sam also recently joined Radio 2, working on MICHELLE VISAGE's Friday night show.

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GARY GRAFTS FOR GOOD

GARY BARLOW is determined he will never slow down or quit his day job.

In an exclusive chat at the opening of his show, A Different Stage, at the Duke Of York's theatre, London, the **TAKE THAT** icon said: "I could never see myself having a quieter life. I've always thought, if I can play and sing a bit, I could probably do [this job] for a long time.

"But I never imagined it would be like this. I never thought I'd still be performing at this level 30 years on. This is quite amazing. So, just to continue doing this is more than enough for me.

"Whether it's theatre shows, Take That, my own gigs. The audience deserve us to push [ourselves] to our limit and to keep doing this for as long as they want us."



EPIC JOB . . . Gary



LEWD CAPALDI

Signs up for kinky dating app after being booted off Tinder

DON'T expect to see LEWIS CAPALDI settling down any time soon – he has just been banned from Tinder.

To make things worse, the only dating app he has been able to get on to is one for people who are into kinky sex.

The hilarious Scottish bachelor said: "I've just been kicked off Tinder because people think I'm fake.

"I've been kicked off Bumble, Tinder and Hinge. Someone told me to go on this one called Feeld and I go on it and it's so sexual, it's unbelievable.

"It's all about kinks and BDSM and I'm like, this is way beyond anything I'm tuned in for."

He was booted off Tinder because app bosses thought his profile was fake, despite the fact he did an entire campaign with the brand just three years ago, when he met his now ex-girlfriend Catherine Halliday.

But it has left him struggling to meet down-to-earth women who are not obsessed with his celebrity status.

Lewis, who is fighting for the No1 spot in the charts today with his new single Forget Me, explained: "At the end of the day I'm still 25 and people talk about a power imbalance of someone being famous. I'm trying to work that out as well because I don't want to use my fame, or for that to have any influence over someone I'm dating.

"What, am I only supposed to date people who are famous? That's a really weird thing.

"I'll admit being on Tinder is a bit weird but I met my last girlfriend on Tinder and she's f***ing great."

Speaking to **STEVEN BARTLETT** on the Diary of a CEO podcast, he added: "For some crazy coincidence, more girls are interested in me now than they were a couple of years ago."

I wonder what first attracted them to millionaire Lewis Capaldi? But even if he were still on Tinder, it doesn't sound as if there will be wedding bells any time soon.

He admitted: "A relationship would be nice but it's not something I'm seeking at the moment."

Quizzed on why he was using dating apps, he said: "I like hanging out with new people and . . . s***ging and that, I guess.

"If I met the right person I'd be buzzed. But right now it's a bit unfair with the other person, they'd have to be quite an understanding human being.

"And kids? Right now that's not in my plans at all. One of my friends has four kids and that's not my bag at all."



APPIER TIMES AHEAD . . . Lewis in London last week

AS CHILDREN'S MOBILE USE AFFECTS SLEEP...

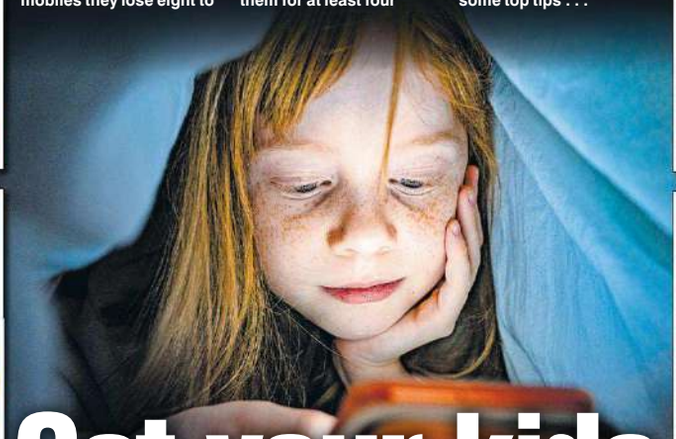
Get your kids to put the phone down

MOST parents worry that their kids spend too long on their phones.

Now new research has found many ten-year-olds are so hooked on their mobiles they lose eight to nine hours of sleep a week – equal to a full night.

Around 70 per cent of the children who took part in the study said social media sites consume them for at least four hours a day – with half of that just before bedtime.

But how can you wean your little screen addicts off this habit? EMMA PIETRAS has some top tips . . .



Practise what you preach

KIDS copy their parents, so if you are glued to your smartphone 24/7 then it's hypocritical to be yelling at them to get off their devices.

Try a whole family digital detox, even if it is just for a few hours, where you play a board game and leave all of your phones in a drawer in another room so you are not tempted.



Screen time countdown

DECIDE on the amount of screen time you allow your child, then set up a digital timer on a counter where everyone can see. Once the time is up, the phone goes away.

They may not like it, but you are the parent and set the rules. Even if they scream that you're the worst mum or dad, be consistent so they know there is no way round it.



Use a 'containment' station

GET your child to hand over their phone at a set time each evening – at least a few hours before bed so they unwind.

Use a kitchen worktop as a "containment station" for it, and say they cannot touch it until the next day. If you fear they'll sneak down in the night, put it in a Tupperware box and hide this. Set penalties, such as chores or cutting pocket money.



Switch phone to greyscale

SOCIAL media is designed to give users waves of euphoria – in the same way fruit machines do.

But endless scrolling through these platforms suddenly becomes less appealing when everything is seen in black and white.

And it's easy to do this to your child's phone – go to the settings tab and switch to greyscale.



Ration social media

MANY kids are on multiple social media platforms, so make them choose just one. Change the password to this account to one only you know and delete other accounts.

Then disable their phone's ability to download apps without your consent. Next, help your child edit their followers to only people who they know in real life.



Keep them busy

BOREDOM is one of the major reasons for mindlessly looking at your mobile phone, so try to keep your children busy in the evenings.

Get them to help you in the kitchen with cooking dinner.

Or if they're old enough, challenge them to make a simple meal themselves.

It's a win-win situation.



Groping cops axe

TWO senior cops who slapped and pinched female officers' bottoms have been sacked.

Special Chief Inspector Andy Whitworth was dismissed while Special Sergeant Gary Sims quit after the incident on a night out last October.

Whitworth pinched a cop's behind then winked at her as she left a club. Sims hit a colleague's bottom so hard it "radiated through her body".

A panel heard of a "laddish culture" at the Specials Constabulary of British Transport Police.

The Midlands-based officers' actions were deemed gross misconduct at the London hearing.

Morning after grill

VIDEOS of a woman revealing how much she scoffs when hungover are a TikTok hit.

Charly Anne, 26, racks up 4,500 calories a day on McDonald's, KFC and Toby Carvery breakfasts.

And she admits: "My hangovers cost more than my nights out! I spent £70 the other day."

Her usual order is 20 chicken nuggets, four mozzarella dippers and a Big Mac Meal. And she said: "Vegetables are not the cure! And why have salad when hungover?"

The dancefloor diva, of Barry, South Wales, isn't put off by trolls adding: "People find the videos honest and relatable."



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CELEB BUG FEARS

Deadly disease hits area where ITV show's filmed

I'M A Celebrity's return to Australia has been rocked by a highly infectious disease.

Q fever – a bacterial infection in animals that can spread to humans – is raging across the country.

Symptoms range from a flu-like illness and a fever through to significant weight loss, chronic fatigue for as long as 12 months, damage to organs and, in extreme cases, even death. The outbreak is being linked to the increase in wildlife such as kangaroos and wallabies moving closer to residential areas.

EXCLUSIVE by FELICITY CROSS

Alerts have been issued in south-east Queensland – where ITV will soon return to film the hit show after two series away due to the Covid pandemic.

A source said: "I'm A Celebrity's return to Oz is so important to ITV and something fans are hugely excited for. Another infectious disease is really the last thing ITV needs."

Infected animals can share Q fever through their faeces, urine, milk and general bodily fluids.

The bacteria can survive in dust and soil because it is resistant to heat, drying and many commonly-used disinfectants. It can be inhaled by humans.

The disease epicentre is an area called Wide Bay – some 150 miles from Brisbane airport, where the I'm A Celebrity cast and crew, including hosts Ant and Dec, are set to land.

The alert, which covers the ITV base in Coolangatta and the campsite, urges people there to take up offers of a vaccine.

An ITV spokesman said: "The production will adhere to all necessary UK and Australian government guidelines."

The series has been brought forward this year to clear dates for the World Cup in November.

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Jungle return . . Ant & Dec

Amazon strike poll

HUNDREDS of workers at Amazon are to vote on a strike over pay.

The GMB union said its "furious" members will be the first of the online giant's UK staff to take part in a formal industrial action ballot.

GMB official Amanda Gearing said the Coventry workers were "offered a 35p-an-hour pay rise" from a company "worth more than £1trillion".

Amazon said minimum pay rates are up 29 per cent since 2018.

MUGGED FOR £22K

A cracked and chipped 18th century Lowestoft Porcelain mug was sold for £22,000 in Wiltshire.

GROG ON THE TYNE'S ALL MINE



Lotta bottle . . . Michael with some of collection

A GEORDIE beer lover reckons he has the world's biggest collection of limited-edition Newcastle Brown Ale bottles.

Finance director Michael Hewitt, 41, has 130, worth up to £10,000, including a 25 Squadron F3 and a "Sid the Sexist" bottle from Viz comic, both valued at £200.

By ROBIN PERRIE

The dad of three, who keeps them at home in Motherwell, said: "I'm confident no one has more bottles than me."

DADDIES ALERT

EXPERTS have warned of an incoming plague of 200billion daddy long legs in the next fortnight.

Britain's hot summer, with little rain to drown the crane flies in their underground tunnels, means there could be a record number this autumn.

But charity Buglife insisted the bumbling spindly-limbed critters are "literally incapable of hurting a fly". It added: "Once the grubs turn into adult flies... they mate, lay eggs and then die after a few days."

Sun SPOT

A THRONE used by late "King of Clubs" Peter Stringfellow at his London establishments could fetch £2,000 at a Hansons auction in Derbyshire this month.



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SELL OLD GEAR AND GET A SIDE HUSTLE

Make £2,350 by Christmas

IN THE CLEAR . . . have a sort out of your wardrobe and earn cash

AS summer starts to fade, it won't be long before Christmas creeps up on us.

By OLIVIA MARSHALL

Preparing your finances for the festive season – this year in particular – may feel daunting.

But here are some savvy ways to make up to £2,350 between now and December 25 . . .

CASH IN ON A CLEAR-OUT: Selling unwanted items from around the house could make you more than £1,000, according to eBay expert Clare Seal. Think laptops, pushchairs, musical instruments and gardening tools.

Facebook Marketplace and the Nextdoor app are also good for selling to people who live locally – and you don't have to pay to list items. You can earn up to £1,000 a year from selling items without having to pay tax.

FLOG YOUR OLD PHONE: Dial up some extra cash from your old mobile. Of course, how much you get will depend on the make and the model as well as the condition it's in. A 64GB iPhone 8 Plus in good condition could be worth £200 – and newer models even more.

GET A SIDE HUSTLE: If you fancy yourself as a bit of a star, you could make around £50 a day by working as an extra in adverts or TV shows. Land yourself a few jobs over the countdown to Christmas and you could pocket £150.

WALK IN THE PARK: Dog walkers can earn £8-10 an hour. Or you can make cash by popping in to feed a cat or even a hamster. You can register for work through websites such as Tailster and Rover.

A few walks or feeds a week could net you more than £500 before the big day.

RUN ERRANDS: Lots of people need a bit of extra help with shopping and other jobs.

Running errands for someone could pay £15 per hour through site TaskRabbit.

If you're a dab hand at DIY you can assemble flatpack furniture or put up shelves.

Pick up two jobs a week and that's another £500 in the bank by the time you need it most.

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Treat yourself

GET your skin prepped for the colder weather with the Complete Winter Skincare Edit by TV beauty expert Nadine Baggott. It's down from £30 to £10 at Superdrug and includes six full-size products worth £50.



Leah's little helper

POUNDLAND has rolled out a new Daewoo electrical range in selected stores and online at poundshop.com for next-day delivery. The range includes a hand mixer, slow cooker, kettle and sandwich maker, all for £10 each.



TOP SWAP



£28

AESOP'S Reverence hand wash, *above*, smells divine, but it's not cheap at £28. Baylis & Harding's Goodness Oud, Cedar & Amber handwash, *below*, has a similar scent and it's down to £3 at Boots.

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£3

SHOP & SAVE



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Zoo yob . . . Green

Guilty of zoo raid 'cruelty'

By ADAM BENNETT

A YOB yesterday admitted being part of a gang that broke into a zoo and terrorised the animals.

Intruders were said to have thrown a bottle at the head of a giraffe and kicked out at a tiger.

Prosecutor David Fosler alleged: "The animals were very distressed."

Damage of up to £2,000 was also caused to enclosures during the break-in last year at Marwell Zoo in Eastleigh, Hants.

Bradley Green, 23, pleaded guilty to causing unnecessary suffering to a protected animal.

He appeared in court alongside three friends charged over the incident.

Green and Nathan Daniels, 21, from Fareham, Hants, and Jason Huggitt, 23, of Gosport, Hants, deny burglary.

Daniels and Huggitt also deny animal cruelty.

Coral Lock, 23, of Gosport, is accused of assisting an offender. Basingstoke JPs sent all four to crown court for trial.

'Ugly sex not rape'

A WOMAN who says she was raped by Benjamin Mendy's fixer denied she was embarrassed at having sex with an "ugly" older man, a court heard.

She told the footie ace's trial she was attacked by Louis Saha Matturie, 41, at his flat during her 19th birthday celebrations.

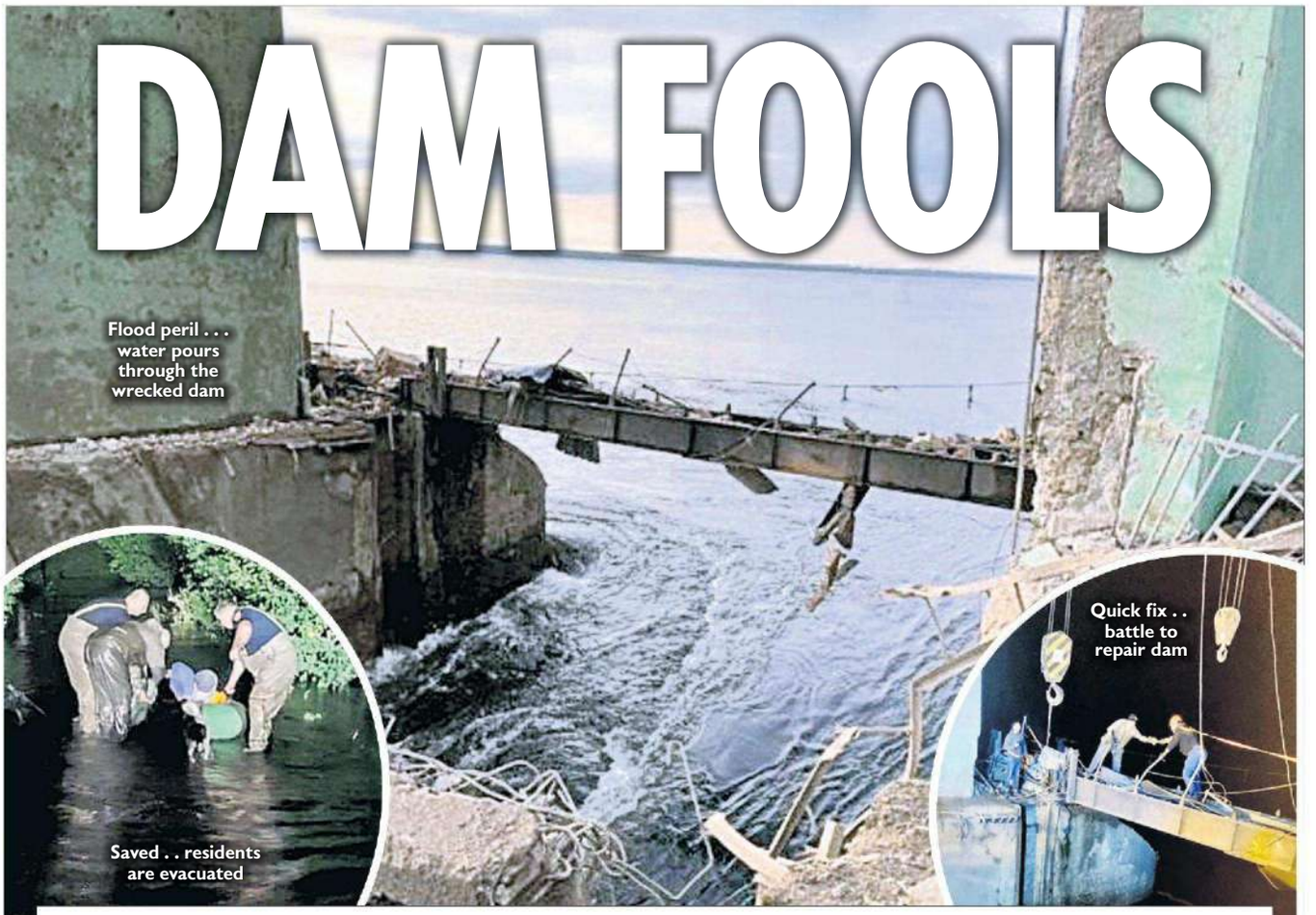
His barrister suggested she did not want pals to know. She replied: "No."

Man City's Mendy, 28, of Prestbury, Cheshire, denies seven rapes.

Matturie, of Salford, denies six. Chester crown court trial continues.

RUSSIA TRIES TO FLOOD CITY
UKRAINE BLASTS 'WAR CRIME'

DAM FOOLS



Flood peril . . . water pours through the wrecked dam

Saved . . residents are evacuated

Quick fix . . battle to repair dam

RUSSIAN troops blitzed a dam in the city President Volodymyr Zelensky was born — sending a wall of water towards homes.

Ukraine slammed the overnight strike in the southern town of Kryvyi Rih as a war crime and act of terror.

Families were evacuated as rescuers stemmed the flow of water.

Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba blasted: "Beaten by Ukrainian army on the battlefield, Russian cowards are now at war with our critical infrastructure and civilians. Russia is a terrorist state and must be recognised as such."

By JEROME STARKEY, Defence Editor

A total of 67 Russian deputies have now said warmonger Vladimir Putin should quit – and there were reports of his limo being attacked in an assassination blast bid on Wednesday.



War of words . . . Zelensky & Putin

Yesterday, prosecutors in north-eastern Kharkiv began exhuming tortured corpses in towns freed from retreating Russians.

National Security Secretary Oleksii Danilov said of the successful counter-attack there: "For every one of our soldiers who has died, there are nine or ten dead Ruscists [Russian fascists]." British military intelligence said Russian command and control had crumbled as soldiers fled.

Troops abandoned dozens of tanks and a radar designed to detect incoming artillery.

The MoD said some Russian units retreated "in relatively good order and under control, while others fled in apparent panic".

Last night, officials said a mass burial site containing around 440 graves was uncovered in the Ukrainian city of Izyum, days after it was liberated from Putin's forces.

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RAPPER SHOT AFTER 'DRIVING AT OFFICER'

RAPPER Chris Kaba was shot dead by police while driving his car at an armed officer, investigators have been told.

He was said to have hit the accelerator in his Audi after being pulled over.

The car shot towards a Met cop who fired his Glock 9mm pistol through the windscreen at Mr Kaba's head.

By MIKE SULLIVAN, Crime Editor

The unarmed drill rapper and dad-to-be, 24, died in hospital. Protests from his family forced the Met to suspend the officer.

But colleagues claim he has been treated unfairly. One said: "The officer has said he was faced with a lethal weapon as the car was being driven towards him at speed.

"He followed correct training procedures. He could have been killed if he had not fired."

The officer has given investigators an account of the shooting in Streatham, South London, on Monday last week.

The Audi was reportedly linked to a firearms incident the previous day. When it was picked up on ANPR cameras, armed officers surrounded it. But Mr Kaba, jailed in 2019 for a gun offence, allegedly refused to surrender.

His family want to see footage from officers' body cameras.

Police Federation leader Ken Marsh backed their call, saying there was nothing to hide.

But he added: "Officers should not be thrown to the wolves."



'Unarmed' . . . Mr Kaba

TV Joe's Trussted

COMIC Joe Lycett says he's been invited back on Laura Kuenssberg's politics show despite causing controversy the first time.

Joe, 34, sarcastically clapped Liz Truss on the BBC1 show the day before she became PM and joked he was "very right wing".

He told podcast Chatabix: "Laura said her heart dropped as she didn't know what I was going to do." But he said she asked him back as a "semi-regular guest".

GET TO THE CHOPPER

A woman who sliced off her 37-year-old boyfriend's willy with a knife as he slept is being hunted in Piaui, Brazil.

AN EK OF A SKIRT



By EMILY WEBBER

LOVE Island winner Ekin-Su Cülcüloglu takes it all in her stride on her catwalk debut.

She wore an orange tie-dye co-ord outfit from her £1million Oh Polly collaboration at New York Fashion Week.

Ekin-Su, 28, was joined backstage by Italian boyfriend Davide Sanclimenti, 27. She said: "Walking my first ever runway show was a dream come true."

Picture: SHUTTERSTOCK/OH POLLY



Convicted . . . Jacobs

Barrister gets 4yrs for rape

By MIKE SULLIVAN

A BARRISTER shouted "I didn't do it" and collapsed in the dock after being convicted of rape.

Robin Jacobs, 39, had consensual sex with his female Tinder date before he carried out an unwanted sexual assault, a court was told.

It continued for up to 30 seconds until she screamed at him to stop.

Jacobs, a respected barrister, then told her "It's not funny, I shouldn't laugh" before chuckling.

The Old Bailey heard he has Autism Spectrum Disorder and struggles to read social signals.

He said he would have stopped immediately if she told him to at his flat in September 2017.

Jacobs, of Woodford, East London, denied rape but was convicted following a week-long retrial.

After Jacobs composed himself, Judge John Hillen sentenced him to four years in prison.

Lad killed by tree fall

A BRIT boy of four was killed when a rotten tree fell on him on holiday in France, an inquest heard.

Louis Ellor was with his gran in her garden when the pine trunk cracked and toppled.

His family ran from the house when they heard gran Anne Gore's cries for help – but were unable to revive Louis, from Dawlish, Devon.

The current status of a criminal investigation into the death in St Marine, Brittany, in 2019 was not known, the inquest in Plymouth was told.

Verdict: Accident.

NEW DIGS?

A restored gravedigger's cottage – one of London's smallest detached houses – has gone on sale for £1.2million in Chelsea.



A* PUPIL CAN'T READ OR WRITE

A STUDENT with a reading age of six is starting university after scoring top grades at A-level.

By JAMES SOMPER

Severely dyslexic Oliver Chadwick, 18, secured straights As in maths, further maths and chemistry with the aid of specialist tech and support staff.

He said: "When people hear that you can't read or write, they think you can't do anything, but it only really affects me day-to-day when I can't read things like signs."

His dyslexia was first noticed at junior school and mum Sophie arranged for additional lessons.

Two experts said Oliver was one of the most profoundly dyslexic people they had encountered. But he said: "I never felt stupid, I just knew that reading was something I couldn't do and there was no point getting upset about it."



Straight As . . . for Oliver

He pushed on with his studies at Ralph Allen School in Bath with support in class, a special pen that reads printed text and was able to dictate answers for his exams.

Oliver is now going to read engineering mathematics at Bristol University. Mum Sophie, 54, added: "The support's been phenomenal."



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AS GLADIATORS

By GRANT ROLLINGS and FIAZ RAFIQ

IF you have rippling muscles and think you look good in skimpy Lycra, you could be a contender for the revival of Nineties telly hit Gladiators.

The BBC is hunting for "superhumans" to take part in the resurrected game show, which starts filming next year.

But former Gladiator and fan favourite Ace has warned that the role has a dark side, and told of steroids, alcohol abuse – and a doomed relationship with Katie Price.

The blond hunk – in reality, bodybuilder Warren Furman – said: "I saw destructive forces come into my life. My destructive choices were slowly killing me."

Warren thought that being a TV Gladiator would help him to become the new Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Having joined the original ITV show for its fifth series in 1996, he was earning £2,000 an hour, began hanging out with celebrities and got engaged to model Katie.

He thought Hollywood would soon beckon – but instead Warren developed a booze habit, split from Katie, and, after Gladiators was axed in 2000, he struggled financially.

He said: "The higher I got, the lower I had to come down."

Now TV production company Hungry Bear Media, which is behind the show's revival, is asking beefy Gladiator wannabes to send in their applications.

Warren, 50, who lives in York with his wife and two children, thinks they will need to be tough men and women who are unwilling to settle for second place – and he warns against a woke, 'it's the taking part that counts' approach.

He said: "Although it was the first reality TV show, I think it celebrates people for the right reasons.

Household names

"People were in competition and it was healthy competition, which was bringing out the best in each other.

"When you went against another contestant or Gladiator it was all done in the spirit of sportsmanship, which I loved.

"I think these days we're worried about offending each other, or the notion that we shouldn't do competition because there's no such thing as second place. No, we have to toughen up a little bit."

Gladiators first body-slammed on to our TV screens in 1992, with Sun columnist Ulrika Jonsson and ex-footballer John Fashanu presenting the prime-time battle of brawn.

At its peak it drew in 16million viewers, and turned the likes of Michael Van Wijk as Wolf, James Crossley as Hunter and Kim Betts as Lightning into household names.

Viewers loved to see the Gladiators taking on members of the public in the arena.

It would be up to Ace and his colleagues to defeat the contenders in a series of rounds, making them fall from suspended rings in Hang Tough or blocking the path of their giant hamster-ball "pods" in Atlaspheres.

A previous attempt to revive Gladiators on Sky in 2008 lasted just a year. The new 11-episode series promises to revive many of the original challenges, ending again with the fearsome Eliminator assault course.

Warren was a roofer from Harlow in Essex when he signed up for the original show. He recalled: "I always wanted to be a success, I always wanted to be accepted.

"I was a shy kid and I was an insecure person and I was always looking for adulation and acceptance.

"I thought showbiz meant you got fame and rich, and you lived happily ever after."

Thanks to his blue eyes, 48in chest and 6ft 1in frame, Warren as heartthrob Ace proved an immediate hit with female fans.

Two years later he started dating Katie, better known back then as glamour model Jordan.

He was the first man she agreed to marry, but their engagement didn't last. Her former fiancé joked: "I think maybe Katie had the lucky escape – what do you think?"

Their relationship survived only 18 months – thanks to the pressure of being in the public eye.

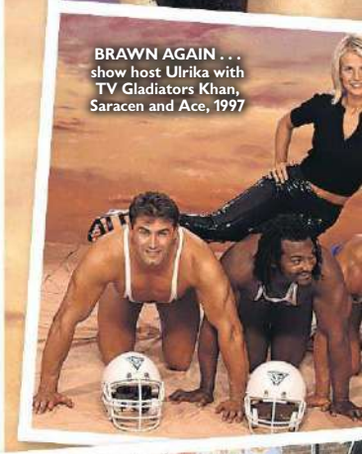
Warren said: "We were both equally to blame for the breakdown of our relationship.

"We were both young, we were both courting the Press.

"We were very similar people, we came from working-class backgrounds and got on very well, but the pressures of fame cursed the



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BRAWN AGAIN . . . show host Ulrika with TV Gladiators Khan, Saracen and Ace, 1997



DISHY . . . Warren serves up pizza on Instagram post

RETURNS, STAR ACE ON ITS DARK SIDE



. . . Warren and ie, known then ordan, in 1998





I wanted to be the new Arnie. Instead, it was a spiral of drink and drugs...and Katie Price

FLEX APPEAL . . . Warren as Ace strikes a pose like his bodybuilding hero Arnie, *below*

relationship in a lot of ways." They parted on good terms, with Katie commenting that Warren was one of the few oyfriends who didn't cheat on her. he problem was that both of them re so busy seeking success that y did not have time for each other. Warren said: "My idol was Arnold warzenegger. He's a man just conring the world with big muscles. I thought that's what I would do – go to Hollywood and become a vie star.

Another Gladiator, Trojan – Mark ffin – had done that. He got to lywood and was appearing in vies with the likes of Jean-Claude Damme."

Like many bodybuilders, Warren so desperate to have bulging ves and biceps that he took banned growth hormones. But the Gladiators producers warned him that if he kept using steroids he would be ditched.

Warren said: "I dabbled in steroids, then I got the TV show. On the TV show they drug-tested you.

"So they said, 'If you're taking any steroids the level must come down. If not, then we will sack you'.

"So that was a real blessing that Gladiators came along for me, because in the sport of bodybuilding, steroids are rife.

"The reality is steroids are a killer. I was very lucky."

The party lifestyle that came with being a TV celebrity was not so easy to quit.

Rather than living the life of an athlete, Warren began to smoke and drink heavily.

He admitted: "I was an athlete and sportsman on a TV show that required me to be fit, but I started to pick up some habits that I never thought I ever would, like smoking and drinking alcohol – and quite a lot of it."

After the programme was axed in 2000, Warren soon found that casting agents were not knocking on his door.

Christian faith

And rather than working on Hollywood blockbusters, he found himself starring in pantomime.

Eventually he returned to the construction industry and his wage dropped to £20 an hour.

Warren said: "Once the bubble bursts, the fame and riches do not bring success and happiness."

Realising he had not found fulfilment at showbiz parties, Warren then began searching for it in religion. And he maintains that thanks to his strong Christian faith, he has been able to give up tobacco and now only drinks alcohol socially.

These days he is a preacher whose work includes visiting schools across his North Yorkshire patch.

He still keeps fit, and hopes that the return of the Gladiators will persuade today's children to do more exercise.

He said: "I thought it was a good thing that Gladiators is coming back.

"I think we need a TV show to promote health and fitness because we've got problems now in this country with obesity and diets and these types of things.

"Kids need role models and to look after themselves physically."

Warren also hopes that 44-year-old Katie, who has been married three times and recently spent time in rehab, can turn her life around, like he has.

He said: "I pray for her because in that lifestyle of hers it's very difficult to keep on the straight and narrow, and it's very difficult to trust people.

"I pray that her family can stay together and I pray that she can settle down and find peace and happiness."

But just because Warren is a preacher these days, it does not mean that he wouldn't make a comeback as Ace.

He did return for Sky's Gladiators series and says his door is also open to the BBC.

He added: "If God sends me to the top of an arena with a stick in my hand and asks me to hit someone over the head, I'd do it."

Friday

Sun TV 4-PAGE SECTION

TV GUIDE

SCHEDULES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

BBC ONE

6am Breakfast (S,HD)
10.00 BBC News Special (S,HD)
10.30 HM The King In Wales (S,HD)
2.00 BBC News (S,HD)
2.30 Regional News (S)
2.45 Doctors Jimmi tries to convince Bear to join his new venture. (S,HD)
3.15 Escape To The Country Ginny Buckley is joined by her mother in helping a family find a Yorkshire home. (R,S,HD)
3.45 The Bidding Room Items of interest include a collection of 1940s costume drawings. (R,S,HD)
4.30 Antiques Road Trip Raj Bisram and Irita Marriott plunder the shops of Cornwall for bargains. (S,HD)
5.15 Pointless Quiz show, hosted by Alexander Armstrong with Sally Lindsay. (S,HD)
6.00 BBC News (S,HD)
6.30 Regional News (S)



9pm John and Gregg host Celebrity MasterChef

7.00 The One Show: Our Queen Remembered Alex Jones and Gethin Jones share viewers' memories and stories of the Queen. (S,HD)
7.30 HM The Queen: The Vigil (S,HD)
8.15 The Repair Shop Furniture experts, horologists, metal workers, ceramicists and upholsterers try to restore family heirlooms and treasured possessions to their former glory. (S,HD)
9.00 Celebrity MasterChef (16/18) Finals week begins, with just five contestants left to compete for the title. The first challenge sees them serving up afternoon tea for 12 famous guests at Alexandra Palace, to mark 100 years since the first live public broadcast was made. Then they are asked to make a dish inspired by their childhood. (S,HD)
10.00 BBC News (S,HD)
11.00 Regional News (S)
11.05 Elizabeth R: A Year In The Life Of The Queen A year of unprecedented access to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. (R,S,HD) Then **Weather For The Week Ahead**
1.00-6am BBC News (S,HD)

BBC TWO

6.30 am Escape To The Country (R,S,HD)
7.15 Antiques Road Trip (R,S,HD)
8.00 Sign Zone: Weatherman Walking (R,S,SL,HD)
9.00 A Highland Haven: Natural World (R,S,SL,HD)
10.00 Animal Park Summer (R,S,HD)
10.45 The Farmers' Country Showdown (R,S,HD)
11.15 Homes Under The Hammer (R,S,HD)
12.15 Bargain Hunt (R,S,HD)
1.00 Best Bakes Ever (R,S,HD)
1.45 Money For Nothing (R,S,HD)
2.45 BBC News (S,HD)
6.00 Richard Osman's House Of Games With Rob Deering, Katya Jones, Jayne Middlemiss and Phil Tufnell. (S,HD)
6.30 Unbeatable General knowledge quiz show, hosted by Jason Manford. (S,HD)



8pm Monty Don carries out autumn jobs in Gardeners' World

7.00 Grand Tours Of Scotland's Lochs (3/6) Paul Murton discovers a forgotten First World War German prison camp. (R,S,HD)
7.30 Beechgrove (24/26) Carole Baxter visits an expert grower of chillies. (R,S,HD)
8.00 Gardeners' World (26/31) Monty Don demonstrates how to prune summer fruiting raspberries. (S,HD)
9.00 Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Fishing (2/6) Bob and Paul travel to the Crogen Estate in north Wales to fish the River Dee for grayling. (S,HD)
9.30 Martin Compston's Scottish Fling (2/6) The actor and Phil MacHugh head to the Western Isles. (S,HD)
10.00 QI (8/18) With Sara Pascoe, Stephen K Amos and Jason Manford. (R,S,HD)
10.30 Newsnight (S,HD) Followed by **Weather**
11.05 MOTDx (R,S,HD)
11.35 Fake Or Fortune? (4/4) (R,S,HD)
12.35 Sign Zone: Elizabeth: Her Passions & Pastimes (R,S,SL,HD) **1.35-2.35am** Saving Lives At Sea (R,S,SL,HD)

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6am Good Morning Britain News and current affairs. (S,HD)
9.00 Lorraine (S,HD)
10.00 ITV News Special: The King's Tour – Wales (S,HD)
1.30 ITV News (S,HD)
1.55 Regional News (S,HD)
2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal David Dickinson and his dealer den visit Newport. Karen Dalmeny pays big bucks for a stunning brooch, and Laurie Scully conducts a male voice choir. (S,HD)
3.00 Tenable A family from Cardiff competes in the quiz, hosted by Warwick Davis. (S,HD) Followed by **Local Weather**
4.00 Tipping Point Game show, hosted by Ben Shephard. (S,HD)
5.00 The Chase Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (S,HD)
6.00 Regional News (S,HD)
6.30 ITV News (S,HD)



9pm Ben Miller returns in the crime drama Professor T

8.00 Emmerdale Double bill. Charity prepares for her trip away as Mackenzie answers a call, demanding that the person on the other end leave him alone. Then, Liam returns home with Leyla but things are tense between the two of them. (S,HD)
9.00 Professor T NEW (1/6) A student is left badly burnt and in a coma after a house fire and the detectives investigating call in Professor T. Return of the crime drama starring Ben Miller. (S,HD)
10.00 ITV News At Ten (S,HD)
10.30 Regional News (S,HD)
10.45 The NFL Show Highlights of the opening match of week two between Kansas City Chiefs and Los Angeles Chargers. (S,HD)
11.45 Bradley & Barney Walsh: Breaking Dad (2/6) The actor and his son head to Lake Balaton in Hungary for a spot of catamaran sailing with an Olympic crew. (R,S,HD)
12.05 Teleshopping (HD) **3.00** Queen And Country (R,S,HD) **3.55** Unwind With ITV (S,HD) **5.00-6am** Our Queen: The People's Stories (R,S,HD)

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6.10 am Countdown With Russell Kane. (R,S,HD)
6.50 3rd Rock From The Sun Two episodes. (R,S)
7.40 Everybody Loves Raymond (R,S)
9.00 Frasier (R,S)
10.30 Four In A Bed (R,S,HD)
11.00 The Great House Giveaway (R,S,HD)
12.00 C4 News (S,HD)
12.30 Steph's Packed Lunch Weekday magazine show, hosted by Steph McGovern. (S,HD)
2.10 Countdown (S,HD)
3.00 A Place In The Sun (R,S,HD)
4.00 Château DIY Nick aims to finish opening up the entrance hall of his derelict château. (S,HD)
5.00 Moneybags Quiz with Craig Charles. (S,HD)
6.00 The Simpsons Maude Flanders is killed. (R,S)
6.30 Hollyoaks All eyes are on James as he makes a big confession. (R,S,HD)



10pm Adam Hills reviews the week's events in The Last Leg

7.00 C4 News (S,HD)
8.00 The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice NEW (1/10) Host Jo Brand is joined by celebrity fans Harry Hill, Melvin Odoom and Roisin Conaty to discuss the new batch of bakers and to tuck into the events of cake week. (S,HD)
9.00 Gogglebox The armchair critics share their opinions on what they have been watching during the week with cameras capturing their instant reactions. (S,HD)
10.00 The Last Leg Adam Hills, Josh Widdicombe and Alex Brooker are joined by Richard Ayoade and Aisling Bea for a comic review of the significant moments of the past seven days. (S,HD)
10.50 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown (5/6) With Lucy Beaumont, Roisin Conaty and Joe Wilkinson. (R,S,HD)
11.55 One Night In Legoland (R,S,HD) **12.50** FILM Upgrade. Sci-fi thriller. (2018) ✪✪✪✪ (S,HD) **2.30** Ramy (R,S,HD) **3.45** Kirstie's Fill Your House For Free (R,S,HD) **4.00-6.15am** Come Dine With Me (R,S,HD)

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6am Milkshake! (HD)
9.15 Jeremy Vine Discussing the issues of the day. (S,HD)
12.45 Holiday Homes In The Sun Amanda Lamb, JB Gill and Sam Pinkham are in Salerno, Italy. (S,HD)
1.40 5 News (S,HD)
1.45 Home And Away (S,HD)
2.15 PREMIERE FILM **Killer At The School Gates** A single mother joins the parent-teacher association at her daughter's new school finds herself at odds with a power-hungry member. Thriller starring Brianna Cohen. (2022) ✪✪✪ (S,HD)
4.00 Bargain Loving Brits By The Sea Britons living the high life on a low budget in popular holiday resorts. (R,S,HD)
5.00 5 News At 5 (S,HD)
6.00 Cash In The Attic Helping people make money. (S,HD)



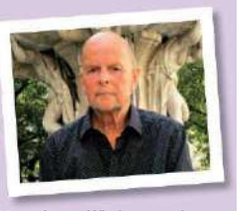
9pm Michaela Strachan and Dan Walker Dig For Treasure

7.00 Susan Calman's Grand Day Out In The Welsh Mountains (3/7) The comedian explores the spectacular peaks of north Wales. (R,S,HD) Followed by **5 News Update**
8.00 The Cotswolds & Beyond With Pam Ayres (2/6) Pam's journey begins beyond the Cotswolds borders at Highclere Castle. (S,HD) Then **5 News Update**
9.00 Digging For Treasure: Tonight (4/4) Dan Walker, Michaela Strachan and Raksha Dave set up camp in the shadow of Southwark Cathedral in London. (S,HD)
10.00 The Enforcer FILM Crime thriller starring Clint Eastwood. (1976) ✪✪ (S,HD)
12.15 Police Interceptors (R,S,HD) **1.00** The Great Smog: Winter Of '52 (R,S,HD) **2.00** The Pyrenees With Michael Portillo (R,S,HD) **3.05** Cruising With Jane McDonald (R,S,HD) **5.05** Wildlife SOS (R,S,SL,HD) **5.25** Entertainment News On 5 (S,HD) **5.30** Peppa Pig (R,S,SL) **5.35** Paw Patrol (R,S,SL,HD) **5.50-6am** Fireman Sam (R,S,SL,HD)

TALK TV

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6am Remembering The Queen With James Max (HD)
6.30 Lying-in-State: Jeremy Kyle (HD)
10.00 The Independent Republic Of Mike Graham: Paying Tribute To Queen Elizabeth II The King travels to Wales, marking the last of his visits to all corners of the UK. (HD)
1.00 The Public Pay Their Respects With Ian Collins Queues continue to form across London as hundreds of thousands pay tribute to the late Queen Elizabeth II. (HD)
4.00 We Remember Our Queen: With Vanessa Feltz Huge crowds form around London as the globe pays tribute to Britain's longest-serving monarch. (HD)



10pm James Whale remembers the late Queen Elizabeth II

PRIMETIME

7.00 The News Desk With Tom Newton Dunn LIVE Tom Newton Dunn brings you a news desk special as The Queen lies in state. (HD)
8.00 TalkTV: Farewell To Her Majesty LIVE Mike Graham presents his unmissable coverage as the public queue to pay their respects to the late Queen Elizabeth II at Westminster Hall. (HD)
9.00 The Talk LIVE Sharon Osbourne and her panel pay tribute to Queen Elizabeth and discuss the future of the monarchy as the The Queen lies-in-state. (HD)
10.00 Remembering The Queen With James Whale Continued coverage following the death of Her Majesty The Queen. (R,HD)
11.00 TalkTV: Farewell To Her Majesty (R,HD)
12.00 Remembering The Queen With James Whale (R,HD) **1.00** Darryl Morris. (HD) **4.00** The Talk (R,HD) **5.00-6am** Cristo (HD)

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REGIONAL VARIATIONS S4C: **6am** Cyw **11.00** Newyddion S4C: Ymweliad Y Brenin â Chymru **3.30** Cymru O'r Awyr **4.00** Awr Fawr: Cywion Bach **4.05** Odo **4.15** Sbarc **4.30** Stiw **4.45** Deian A Loli **5.00** Stwnsh: Ar Goll Yn Oz **5.25** Gwboi A Twm Twm **5.40** Rygbi Pawb **5.55** Ffeil **6.00** Trefi Gwyllt Iolo **6.30** Garddio A Mwy **6.57** Newyddion S4C **7.00** Heno **7.30** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **8.30** Triathlon Cymru **9.00** Sgwrs Dan Y Lloer **9.30** Prosiect Pum Mil **10.30-11.35pm** Oci Oci Oci BBC ONE WALES: **8.15pm** Wales' Home Of The Year **8.45-9.00** Weatherman Walking **10.40** Rewind: 60 Years Of Welsh Pop **11.10** Wales: Music Nation With Huw Stephens **12.10am** Deepfake Porn: Could You Be Next? **1.10** Ladhood **1.35-6am** BBC News
BBC TWO WALES: **7.30-8pm** Iolo: A Wild Life **11.00** Martin Compston's Scottish Fling **11.30-11.35** NEW Mock The Week **12.05-12.35am** MOTDx

FILMS ✪✪✪✪✪ Brilliant ✪✪✪✪ Very Good ✪✪✪ Good ✪✪ Not Bad ✪ Poor (R) Repeat (S) Subtitles (SL) Sign Language (HD) High Definition



HEAL DO . . . Nicholas as James

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The Sun TV biz

BEASTLY OFFER TO 'VET' NICK

IT sounds like NICHOLAS RALPH has taken method-acting to a new level.

In his role as country vet JAMES HERRIOT in the Channel 5 reboot of All Creatures Great And Small, he has worked closely with an expert in animal medicine.

And he has proven to be so adept at working with animals that he has been offered a job as a real-life vet.

Following the show's return last night, Nicholas said: "The vet Andy Barrett told me I'd done really well with the procedures – and would I like a job working with him?

"It's true that I've learned to do a few things on the show, such as suturing – where I put stitches in a prosthetic dog, a stand-in for one of the real creatures in the show – using a needle and thread.

"But I said no to the job offer from Andy. I was flattered but I'm an actor, not a vet."

Probably for the best.

STRANGER THINGS star **MAYA HAWKE** wants her character Robin killed off. She told Rolling Stone magazine: "I'd love to die and get my hero's moment. I'd love to die with honour, as any actor would." She said "people are probably going to die" in the Netflix saga's fifth and final series in 2023.

STEPH'S HIT ON A BUG IDEA

STEPH McGOVERN is clearly taking inspiration from her role as custodian of Packed Lunch.

The host of the Channel 4 lunchtime show – featuring celebrity guests, fantastic food, and lifestyle and consumer stories – has set up a "health hub" in Folkestone, Kent, and it features the UK's first live BACTERIA bar, which serves treats including kombucha and kefir drinks.



BAR . . . Steph

It's meant to be good for gut health and all came about after Steph had neuroscientist Julia Jones on her show and the two decided to team up on the new venture.

And you're telling me that a straight-up cheese-and-pickle sandwich doesn't do the trick for health and happiness?

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BLOOMING GREAT, ROSE



SHE must have heard the saying "catch flights, not feelings" – as fresh from her break-up with boyfriend Sam Arnold, ROSE AYLING-ELLIS jetted off to the Maldives with a friend.

The actress, who until last month played Frankie Lewis in BBC soap EastEnders, *above*, looked on great form as she posed in a black bikini, *right*.

Rose, who last year won Strictly Come Dancing as the BBC show's first ever deaf contestant, split with Sam earlier this month after a seven-year romance.

She deserves every minute of her time off.

The pina coladas are on me, Rose. Enjoy.

Crown filming is throne into chaos

ASBESTOS FOUND AT ELSTREE STUDIOS

IT has been a tricky week for producers of The Crown after filming of the royal drama ground to a temporary halt as a mark of respect following the Queen's death.

But now Netflix has an additional disruption to contend with – after the discovery of potentially deadly asbestos in the parts of the Elstree Studios in North West London where they make the royal drama.

The complex has been declared out of bounds until further tests can be carried out to find out if the buildings in question are riddled with the dangerous substance, which is known to cause cancer.



LEADING LADY . . . Staunton as the Queen

Netflix is currently filming the sixth and final run of The Crown, due out next year.

The fifth series had been scheduled to air this November but I revealed last week how bosses now have a dilemma over whether to go ahead because it focuses on the worst seven years of the Queen's life – potentially damaging for the new King.

A TV insider said: "This is the last thing Netflix needed as they film the final season of The Crown.

"Fortunately, they have been filming away from Elstree so it hasn't affected them yet, though at some point they were likely to return.

"But until the tests are carried out it's not clear when or if that can happen, which could be a nightmare for the producers, who run to a very tight schedule."

An Elstree Film Studios spokesman confirmed: "As a precautionary measure, we are arranging asbestos checks in some areas of Elstree Film Studios to ensure they meet health and safety standards.

Our operations will resume as soon as investigations, and any remedial work required, are complete."

But a spokesman for Netflix said: "The Crown is not filming in the affected areas and production continues as planned.

"We await further information from Elstree with regards to any remedial work required."

Filming of The Crown stopped after news of the Queen's death broke last Thursday, but work resumed earlier this week.

The show's lead, **IMELDA STAUNTON**, can't be seen on set, though, as show bosses felt it would be disrespectful to have someone dressed as Her Majesty walking around during national mourning.

LAUREN TECS IT TO HEART

OUTLANDER star LAUREN LYLE has taken her lead role in upcoming ITV drama Karen Pirie seriously.

Really, really seriously.

She plays a detective reopening a cold case that has become the subject of a true-crime podcast. And Lauren was intent on doing a good job. She said: "I read the scripts hundreds of times. Like a detective, I got huge pieces of paper that I taped together and put on my wall, with details of the whole case.



COP . . Lauren

"It's so complicated that I had to make sure I understood it, so I kept referencing back to this map on my wall. There are so many suspects and I had to walk into each scene remembering if Karen really did suspect them or if she secretly trusted them."

The series starts on September 25 and is based on crime author Val McDermid's bestselling book The Distant Echo.

I'm sure Lauren read that cover to cover, too.

DOCTOR WHO bosses have teased what fans can expect from **JODIE WHITTAKER**'s farewell later this year – the feature-length special where the 13th Doctor regenerates will be called The Power of the Doctor and it will feature the introduction of **NCUTI GATWA** as No14.

AMBER: OK TO BE A PUZZLE

AMBER GILL says she and HARRY STYLES are united – openly discussing their sexual ambiguity.

She told podcast Straight Up: "It takes pressure off other people, if you've got Harry Styles and me.

"If you've got people making it normal, it makes it more normal, and it should be. It started as this thing where you have to tell everyone, but it should just be a normal way of life."



Amber, *left*, who just bowed out of Celebrity SAS: Who Dares Wins, came out on Twitter in July.

She adds: "Who you're dating doesn't have to be a big announcement. Who says it has to be?"

Friday

Sun TV 4-PAGE SECTION

FREEVIEW

BBC THREE freeview 23

7pm Top Gear; The Catch Up **8.00** Squad Dates **9.00 FILM** Avicii: True Stories. The story of the Swedish DJ. (2017) **10.35** Some Girls **12.05** Squad Dates **1.05** Sky High Club: Scotland And Beyond **1.35** Dubai Hustle **2.05** Some Girls **3.35-4am** My Mate's A Bad Date

BBC FOUR freeview 9

7pm Ultimate Cover Versions At The BBC **8.00** TOTP: 1993 **9.00** Carole King: In Concert **9.30** Carole King: Natural Woman **10.25** Later: With Jools Holland **11.25** The Spice Girls At The BBC **12.25** TOTP: 1993 **1.25** Carole King: Natural Woman **2.15** Carole King: In Concert **2.50-3.50am** Later: With Jools Holland

ITV2 freeview 6

6am World's Funniest Videos **7.00** Love Bites **8.00** Secret Crush **9.00** Veronica Mars **10.00** One Tree Hill **11.00** Hart Of Dixie **12.00** Supermarket Sweep **1.00** Family Fortunes **2.00** The Masked Singer US **3.05** Veronica Mars **4.00** One Tree Hill **5.00** Hart Of Dixie **6.00** Celebrity Catchphrase **7.00** Secret Crush **8.00** Bob's Burgers **9.00 FILM** 2 Fast 2 Furious. Thriller sequel starring Paul Walker, Tyrese Gibson and Eva Mendes. (2003) **11.10** Family Guy **12.10** American Dad! **1.05** Bob's Burgers **2.00-3am** The Stand Up Sketch Show

ITV3 freeview 10

6am Classic Coronation Street **7.30** Classic Emmerdale **8.05** That's My Boy **9.15** The Royal **1.40** Classic Emmerdale **3.50** Classic Coronation Street **6.00** Heartbeat **8.00** McDonald & Dodds **10.00** Maigret **11.45** Inspector Morse **2.05-2.30am** Unwind With ITV

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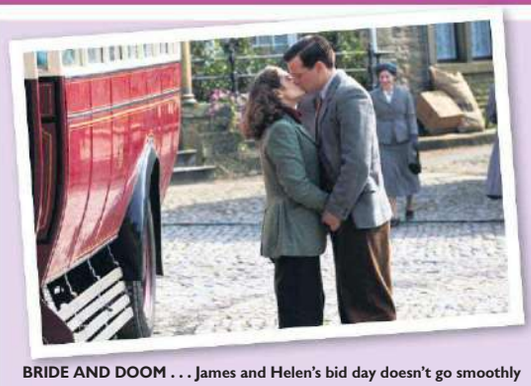
6am The Adventures Of Sherlock Holmes **7.00** The Saint **7.55** Magnum, PI **9.00** The Sweeney **10.05** Minder **11.15** The Adventures Of Sherlock Holmes **12.25** The Saint **1.30** Match Time Revisited **2.35** Magnum, PI **3.35** The Sweeney **4.40** Minder **5.50** Dramatic Finishes **6.00** Live World Series Of Darts Finals. Coverage of day one from Amsterdam. **10.00** All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite **12.05** On The Road **1.05** Auto Mundial **1.35** Motorsport Mundial **2.05** The Protectors **2.40-3am** Unwind With ITV

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6am Hollyoaks **7.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **8.00** Black-ish **9.00** How I Met Your Mother **10.00** The Big Bang Theory **11.00** Young Sheldon **12.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **1.00** The Big Bang Theory **3.00** Young Sheldon **4.00** Married At First Sight UK **5.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Hollyoaks **7.30** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** Below Deck: Mediterranean **9.00 FILM** War Of The Worlds. Sci-fi thriller starring Tom Cruise. (2005) **11.15** Naked Attraction **1.25** First Dates Hotel **2.30** Below Deck **4.10** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **5.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **5.20-6am** Baby Daddy

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8.55am Kirstie's Vintage Gems **9.15** A Place In The Sun: Home Or Away **11.05** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **1.10** Heir Hunters **2.10** Four In A Bed **4.50** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **5.55** Car S.O.S **6.55** Escape To The Château **8.00** Wondrous Wales **9.00** Agatha Christie's Hjerson **10.00** 24 Hours In A&E **12.05** 999: On The Front Line **1.10** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown **2.15** 24 Hours In A&E **3.20-3.50am** Food Unwrapped



BRIDE AND DOOM . . . James and Helen's bid day doesn't go smoothly

ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL Channel 5

DOWNING a yard of strong ale the night before the wedding is a tough challenge for any stag.

So spare a thought for James Herriot, who not only woke up in a barn with a banging headache on the morning of his nuptials but had to perform tuberculosis checks on a herd of cows – one of which he had to shoot in the head.

All this before saying,"I do".

The much-loved cosy Channel 5 series returned last night in fine form, with wedding bells ringing in Darrowby.

It's now 1939, a world war is looming and locals are being encouraged to sign up for the army.

Being vets, the Skedale House incumbents are exempt.

But that doesn't stop James and best man Tristan, now a fully-qualified surgeon at the practice, pondering if they should join – a storyline which will play out further into series three of the revamped classic drama.

But getting hitched to Helen is James's immediate priority, as well as his stag do at The Drovers Arms, which he prepared for by consuming the largest pork pie you've ever seen. However, the morning after the booze-up, while workaholic James is dispatched to the Dales to handle the tuberculosis scare, fellow Skedale House vet Siegfried fears his dog Clancy has swallowed Helen's wedding ring.

Now the waiting game kicks in – Siegfried praying the mutt does a diamante dump before nuptials are exchanged at the local church, while keeping his crisis away from the rest of the wedding party. Sadly for him,

Sun TV last night

PICK freeview 36

7am Star Trek: Enterprise **8.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine **9.00** Police Ten 7 **10.00** Nothing To Declare **11.00** Highway Patrol **12.00** Road Wars **1.00** Border Patrol **2.00** Nothing To Declare **4.00** Stargate SG-1 **5.00** Star Trek: Enterprise **6.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine **7.00** Hawaii Five-0 **8.00** Magnum P.I **9.00** Grimm **10.00** Nothing To Declare UK **12.00** The Killer Within **1.00** The Force: North East **2.00** Nothing To Declare **3.00-4am** Border Patrol

DAVE freeview 19

7.10am Yianni: Supercar Customiser **8.00** Border Force: America's Gatekeepers **9.00** Storage Hunters UK **10.00** Sin City Motors **11.00** Expedition With Steve Backshall **12.00** Bangers And Cash **1.00** Border Force: America's Gatekeepers **2.00** Top Gear USA Special **3.00** Rick Stein: From Venice To Istanbul **4.00** Top Gear **5.00** Rick Stein: From Venice To Istanbul **6.00** Taskmaster **7.00** Richard Osman's House Of Games **7.40** Room 101 **8.20** Would I Lie To You? **9.00** QI XL **10.00** QI. With Professor Brian Cox, Rhys Darby and Jason Manford. **10.40** Would I Lie To You? **12.00** Mock The Week **12.40** QI **1.15** QI XL **2.25** Room 101 **3.25-4am** Mock The Week



More4 9pm Hanna Alström and Johan Rheborg in Agatha Christie's Hjerson

DRAMA freeview 20

7am 'Allo 'Allo! **7.45** Monarch Of The Glen **8.40** The Bill **9.40** Classic Holby City **11.00** Casualty **12.00** The Bill **1.00** Classic EastEnders **2.20** Monarch Of The Glen **3.20** A Place To Call Home **4.20** All Creatures Great And Small **5.20** Waiting For God **6.00** Are You Being Served? **6.40** 'Allo 'Allo! **7.20** Last Of The Summer Wine **8.00** Father Brown **9.00** Detectorists **10.20** New Tricks **11.40** Spooks **1.00** Bad Girls **2.20-4am** Les Misérables

REALLY freeview 17

6am Fantasy Homes By The Sea **7.00** Teleshopping **8.00** Countryside 999 **9.00** Posh Pawn **10.00** Antiques Road Trip **12.00** Money For Nothing **1.00** The Hotel Inspector **2.00** Animal Cops Houston **4.00** Dr Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet **5.00** Ambulance **6.00** Money For Nothing **7.00** Antiques Road Trip **9.00** Ghost Adventures: Up Close & Personal **10.00** Ghost Hunters **11.00** Ghost Adventures **12.00** Portals To Hell **1.00** Ghost Adventures **2.00** Teleshopping **4.00-6am** Animal Cops Houston

YESTERDAY freeview 27

6am Railway Murders **8.00** Abandoned Engineering **9.00** The World At War **10.00** War Factories **11.00** Abandoned Engineering **12.00** The Architecture The Railways Built **1.00** Bangers And Cash **2.00** Abandoned Engineering **4.00** War Factories **5.00** The World At War **6.00** The Architecture The Railways Built **7.00** Abandoned Engineering **8.00** Hornby: A Model World **9.00** Steam Train Britain **10.00** Bangers And Cash **11.00** Abandoned Engineering **12.00** The Architecture The Railways Built **1.00-3am** Railway Murders

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6.10am MasterChef Australia **8.00** Tipping Point **10.00** 999 Rescue Squad **11.00** Inside The Ambulance: Coast And Country **2.00** Tipping Point **4.00** My Dream Home **5.00** Property Brothers: Forever Homes **7.00** MasterChef Australia **8.30** 999 Rescue Squad **9.30** Inside The Ambulance **10.00** The Catherine Tate Show **11.50** Nurses On The Ward **12.50-3am** Tipping Point

QUEST freeview 12

6am How Do They Do It? **6.25** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **7.10** The Repair Shop **8.00** American Pickers **10.00** Chasing Classic Cars **11.00** Fantomworks **12.00** Scrap Kings **1.00** Money For Nothing **2.00** The Repair Shop **3.00** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **4.00** Salvage Hunters **5.00** Salvage Hunters: The Restorers **6.00** Wheeler Dealers **7.00** Outback Opal Hunters **8.00** Salvage Hunters **9.00** Saving Lives At Sea **10.00** Helicopter ER **11.00** How Do They Do It? **12.00** Wheeler Dealers **1.00** Chasing Classic Cars **2.00** American Chopper **3.00** Airplane Repo **4.00-5am** How It's Made

SPORT



Sky Sports Main Event 7.30pm Aston Villa face Southampton at Villa Park

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT

6am Sky Sports News **7.00** Good Morning Sports Fans **8.00** LIVE NPC Rugby. Taranaki v Manawatu. Kick-off at 8.05. **10.00** The Football Show **11.00** The Football Show **12.00** Total Football **12.30** LIVE DP World Tour Golf. The DS Automobiles Italian Open. **5.30** LIVE PGA Tour Golf. The Fortinet Championship. Live coverage of day two. **7.30** LIVE **FNF** Aston Villa v Southampton. Kick-off at 8.00. **10.30** LIVE **LPGA Tour Golf** The AmazingCre Portland Classic. **11.00** LIVE **PGA Tour Golf** The Fortinet Championship. Further coverage of day two. **2.00-6am** Sky Sports News

SKY SPORTS PREMIER LEAGUE

6am PL Greatest Games **7.00** PL Legends **8.00** Premier League Best Goals **9.00** PL 100 Club **10.00** The Football Show **12.00** Total Football **5.00** PL 100 Club **6.00** Premier League: The Big Interview **6.30** Inside The WSL: Beth Mead Special **7.00 Premier League Preview** **7.30** LIVE **FNF** Aston Villa v Southampton. Kick-off at 8.00. **10.30 PL Highlights** **11.00 Premier League Stories** **11.30 Premier League: The Big Interview** An interview with Conor Coady. **12.00** FNF **12.30** Premier League Icons **1.00** PL Years **3.00** PL Greatest Games **4.00** Best PL Goals 97/98 **5.00** Premier League Best Goals **5.30-6am** PL 100 Club

SKY SPORTS FOOTBALL

6am EFL **8.30** Jimmy Glass: The Great Escape **9.00** Bundesliga Weekly **9.30** EFL Greatest Games **10.00** EFL Cup Retro **12.00** Bundesliga Weekly **12.30** Best Moments From The Championship Play-Off Final (1993-2019) **1.00** SPFL Highlights **1.45** EFL Highlights **3.00** EFL Goals: Leagues 1 & 2 **3.30** EFL Highlights **4.30** Bundesliga Weekly **5.00** Inside The WSL: Beth Mead Special **5.30** EFL Highlights **6.30** Bundesliga Weekly **7.00 EFL Highlights** **7.15 MLS** Goals from Didier Drogba. **7.20** LIVE **Bundesliga** Mainz v Hertha Berlin. Kick-off at 7.30. **9.30 Inside The WSL: Beth Mead Special** **10.00 Lionesses Special: Their Story** **11.00 EFL Greatest Games** **12.00-1am** Championship Season Review

SKY SPORTS NFL

6am NFL: America's Game **7.00** NFL Review Show **9.00** One Jets Drive **9.30** NFL Bitesize Highlights **10.00** NFL Highlights **11.00** Her Huddle **11.30** Jaguars Weekly UK **12.00** NBC's Pro-Football Talk **2.00** NFL Highlights **3.00** NFL Bitesize Highlights **4.00** Her Huddle **4.30** NFL Gameday **5.00** NFL Highlights **6.00** Good Morning Football **8.45 NFL Bitesize Highlights** **9.00 1920 Football Drive** **10.00 NFL Highlights** **11.00 NFL Fantasy** **12.00** Total Access **1.00** NFL Highlights **2.00** NFL Bitesize Highlights **3.00** 1920 Football Drive **4.00** NFL Highlights **5.00** Her Huddle **5.30-6am** NFL Gameday

SKY SPORTS ARENA

6am Betfred Super League **7.00** Women's Super League **8.00** LIVE NPC Rugby. Taranaki v Manawatu. Kick-off at 8.05. **10.00** Betfred Super League Highlights **10.45** Super League Gold **10.50** LIVE NRL. Parramatta Eels v Canberra Raiders. Kick-off at 10.50. **12.45** Betfred Super League Highlights **1.00** World Matchplay Darts **3.00** The Rugby Championship **5.00** WNBA **6.45** Betfred Super League Highlights **7.30** LIVE **Betfred Super League** Wigan Warrirors v Leeds Rhinos. Kick-off at 8.00. **10.15 Super League Stories: This Is Us** **11.15 Super League: The Detail**

ENTERTAINMENT



Sky Showcase 11pm Greg Davies hosts the music quiz Never Mind The Buzzcocks

SKY SHOWCASE

6am The Early Rundown **7.00** Sky News Breakfast **8.00** Big Cat Country **9.00** Nothing To Declare **10.00** Supergirl **11.00** NCIS: New Orleans **1.00** Hawaii Five-0 **2.00** MacGyver **3.00** The Equalizer **4.00** Shark With Steve Backshall **5.00** Shark With Steve Backshall **6.00** Shark With Steve Backshall **7.00** Sky News Tonight With Dermot Murnaghan. **9.00** Lionesses Special: Their Story **10.00** Late Late Show Best Of The Week **11.00** Never Mind The Buzzcocks **11.45** A League Of Their Own **12.45** Wellington Paranormal **1.45** Road Wars **2.15** Brit Cops: War On Crime **3.10** Hawaii Five-0 **4.05** MacGyver **5.00-6am** Motorway Patrol

SKY ATLANTIC

6am Storm City **7.45** Boardwalk Empire **10.00** The Sopranos **12.15** Ray Donovan **2.25** Game Of Thrones **3.30** Boardwalk Empire **5.45** The Sopranos **7.55** Game Of Thrones. Jon proves his worth to Qhorin Halfhand. **9.00** Munich Games. Jackie Igelski is blackmailed. **10.00** House Of The Dragon. Game Of Thrones prequel, starring Paddy Considine. **11.05** We Own This City **12.15** The Wire **3.30** In Treatment **4.00-6am** Storm City

SKY WITNESS

6am UK Border Force **7.00** Stop, Search, Seize **8.00** Border Patrol **9.00** Road Wars **10.00** Air Ambulance ER **11.00** The Good Doctor **12.00** 9-1-1 **1.00** FBI **2.00** Blue Bloods **3.00** The Equalizer **4.00** Paramedics Australia **5.00** Nothing To Declare **8.00** Blue Bloods. Shockwaves ripple through the Reagan family. **9.00** FBI: Most Wanted. Barnes and Jess are caught in the middle of a mall shooting. **10.00** Blue Bloods. Frank contends with a potentially dirty cop within his ranks. **11.00** The Equalizer **12.00** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit **1.00** FBI **2.00** The Force: Manchester **3.00** Road Wars **5.00-6am** Brit Cops: Law & Disorder

GOLD

7.30am Keeping Up Appearances **8.00** Outnumbered **8.35** dinnerladies **9.15** Hi-De-Hi! **9.55** Open All Hours **10.35** Last Of The Summer Wine **11.55** Desmond's **12.25** dinnerladies **1.00** Dad's Army **2.20** Keeping Up Appearances **2.55** Last Of The Summer Wine **4.10** Dad's Army **4.50** Open All Hours **5.25** Keeping Up Appearances **6.00** Hi-De-Hi! **6.40** Dad's Army **8.00** Only Fools And Horses **9.20** Bottom **10.35** Only Fools And Horses **11.55** All Round To Mrs Brown's **1.05** The Cockfields **1.40** Peep Show **2.35** Live At The Apollo **3.35-4am** Peep Show

COMEDY CENTRAL

8am Most Ridiculous: Man Vs Beast **8.35** Most Ridiculous Friends **9.00** Takeshi's Castle **10.00** Your Face Or Mine **11.00** Friends **9.00 FILM** American Pie: Reunion. Comedy sequel starring Jason Biggs and Alyson Hannigan. (2012) **11.05** Ridiculousness **12.00** South Park **1.55** The Ren & Stimpy Show **3.40** The Daily Show **4.15-5am** Friends

ALIBI

7.15am Murdoch Mysteries **9.00** Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries **10.00** Unforgettable **11.00** Rizzoli & Isles **12.00** Death In Paradise **1.00** Father Brown **2.00** Murdoch Mysteries **4.00** Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries **5.00** Unforgettable **6.00** Major Crimes **7.00** Rizzoli & Isles. A man is found dead in a bathtub of ice. **8.00** Death In Paradise. A TV presenter's body is washed up on the shore. **9.00** CSI: Vegas. Hodges goes missing. **10.00** Death In Paradise. Humphrey and Martha's romantic weekend is cut short when the hotel owner is killed. **11.00** Murdoch Mysteries **12.00** Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries **1.00** Father Brown **2.00-4am** The Gulf

SKY COMEDY

8am Futurama **9.00** Everybody Hates Chris **9.30** Modern Family **10.25** Curb Your Enthusiasm **12.45** Los Espookys **2.30** The US Office **3.00** Will & Grace **4.00** Modern Family **5.00** The US Office **5.30** Futurama **6.30** Everybody Hates Chris **7.30** The US Office **9.00** Girls **10.00** Late Late Show Best Of The Week **11.00** The Rehearsal **11.35** The Late Late Show With James Corden. Chat and entertainment show. **12.30** Sex And The City **1.40** The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon. American chat show. **2.30** Entourage **4.00** Everybody Hates Chris **5.00-6am** Teleshopping

DISCOVERY

6am Wheeler Dealers **7.00** Deadliest Catch **8.00** Building Off The Grid **9.00** The Last Alaskans **10.00** Ice Lake Rebels **11.00** Wheeler Dealers **12.00** Supertruckers **1.00** Gold Rush: Winter's Fortune **2.00** Lone Star Law **3.00** Homestead Rescue: Raney Ranch **4.00** Alaska: The Last Frontier **5.00** Wheeler Dealers **6.00** Kindig Customs **7.00** Junkyard Empire **8.00** Gold Rush. The gold miners of the Yukon put everything on the line. **9.00** Expedition Unknown. Josh digs into the swamp to hunt the lost fortune of the Ashley Gang. **10.00** UFO Witness. An alleged underwater alien base may be the site of gruesome experiments. **11.00** Yukon Men **12.00** Mysteries Of The Deep **1.00** Expedition Unknown **2.00** UFO Witness **3.00** Expedition Unknown **4.00-5am** UFO Witness

RADIO



Virgin Radio 6.30am Start your day with Chris Evans on Breakfast

VIRGIN RADIO DAB virginradio.co.uk

6.30am Chris Evans **10.00** Eddy Temple-Morris **1.00** Tim Cocker **4.00** Jayne Middlemiss **7.00** Anthems: Ben Jones **10.00** Anthems: Stu Elmore **1.00-6am** Emma Nolan

TALKRADIO DAB talkradio.co.uk

6.30am Jeremy Kyle **10.00** Mike Graham **1.00** Ian Collins **4.00** Vanessa Feltz **7.00** The News Desk **8.00** Piers Morgan Uncensored Best Of **9.00** The Talk **10.00** The James Whale Show **11.00** Piers Morgan Uncensored Best Of **12.00-1am** The James Whale Show

SCHEDULES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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TV GUIDE

when nature finally calls for Clancy, there's no ring.

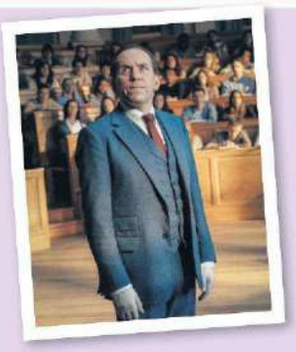
But luckily Helen's not fussed and ties the knot with James anyway, using a wedding band made out of string in its place in a very sweet scene, summing up the lovely innocence of All Creatures Great And Small.

Following a mini-honeymoon, the couple return to Darrowby to discover Siegfried has made James his co-partner at Skedale House as a reward for his immense dedication to his job.

The newlyweds then race upstairs for some alone time, which ends prematurely due to their bed snapping in half.

Must have been that pork pie.

STUART PINK



JAS THE JOB . . . Miller as professor

tv picks

PROFESSOR T, ITV, 9pm: Ben Miller stars as the genius Cambridge University criminologist Professor Jasper Tempest, and this second series opener leaps from criminality to quirky flights of fantasy.

There is a crime involving either an arsonist or pyromaniac for the prof to add his fresh perspective to.

Beyond the crime of the week there are some tantalising long-running storylines to once again draw us in.

The budding romance between DS Lisa Donckers (Emma Naomi) and Dan Winters (Barney White) suffered a knockback, but while Danny Boy is dating again, the office banter is still there, and Lisa is looking far too wistfully at his new date's Instagram post for this not to be unfinished business.

The big cliffhanger very much still with us, though – via more flashbacks – is: did Jasper shoot his dad with a shotgun when he was a young lad?

THE GREAT BRITISH BAKE OFF: AN EXTRA SLICE, C4, 8pm: A delicious helping of Extra Slice returns to accompany the new series.

Host Jo Brand discusses all the big talking points from the new series, ably assisted by special guests Harry Hill, Roisin Conaty and Melvin Odoom.

As ever, there'll be an exclusive chat with the first baker to leave the tent.

Meanwhile, Tom Allen will be judging bakes by the studio audience.

DIGGING FOR TREASURE, C5, 9pm: It's the quality of the mud that mudlarkers have to thank for the prizes they discover on the banks of the River Thames, as Dan Walker, Michaela Strachan and Raksha Dave learn as their final episode heads to London.

Next to Southwark Cathedral, the team follows the guidance of expert Lara Maiklem in looking for washed-up trinkets and historical artefacts.

HOLIDAY HOMES IN THE SUN, C5, 12.45pm: Salerno in Italy has all the pizazz of its neighbouring location, the Amalfi Coast, but buying a holiday home there is far easier on the wallet.

Today, Amanda Lamb, JB Gill and Sam Pinkham each try to out-do the others with their pick of the crop of Italian abodes in the area.

Will JB's choice, which comes complete with a home chef, win the day?

KATE NOBLE

11.45 Betfred Super League Highlights 1.00 The Rugby Championship **3.00** Betfred Super League Highlights **3.15** WNBA **5.00** Top Rank Boxing Archive **5.30-6am** Betfred Super League Highlights

BT SPORT 1

6.30am Premier League – The Big Interview **7.00** WWE Raw Highlights **8.00** WWE NXT Highlights **9.00** Premier League Stories **9.30** ESPN FC **10.00** The Aussie Rules Show **10.30** LIVE AFL. Geelong Cats v Brisbane Lions. Bounce-up at 10.50. **1.30** UEFA Europa League Highlights Show **2.30** ESPN FC **3.00** WWE NXT **4.45** UEFA Europa League Highlights Show **5.45** UEFA Champions League Review **6.45** BT Sport Fight Night **7.00** LIVE BT Sport Fight Night. Denzel Bentley v Marcus Morrison. **12.00** WWE SmackDown Highlights **1.00-3am** LIVE WWE Friday Night SmackDown. Wrestling action.

BT SPORT 2

8am LIVE MotoGP. Coverage of the opening day of the Aragon Grand Prix. **3.00** Premier League – The Big Interview **3.30** Premier League Stories **4.00** Inside Serie A **4.30** Hero CPL Highlights **5.00** ESPN FC **5.30** Ligue 1 Show **6.00** Premier League Preview **6.30** Currie Club **7.00** Inside Serie A **7.30** LIVE Serie A. Salernitana v Lecce. Kick-off at 7.45. **9.45** UEFA Champions League Magazine **10.15** MotoGP: ICYMI **10.30** UFC Live **11.00** WWE NXT Highlights **12.00-3.30am** LIVE MLB. Cleveland Guardians v Minnesota Twins. Start-time at 12.10.

PREMIER SPORTS 1

8am KOTV Boxing Weekly **8.30** LaLiga Show **9.00** LaLiga **11.00** LaLiga Highlights **12.00** Top 14 Rugby Union Highlights **1.00** LaLiga Show **1.30** The MLS Show **2.00** LaLiga News **2.30** LaLiga Matches Highlights **3.10** Top 14 Rugby Union Highlights **4.30** LaLiga Show **5.00** LIVE United Rugby Championship. Benetton v Glasgow Warriors. Kick-off at 5.30. Coverage of the opening match of the season, held at Stadio Monigo.
8.00 LIVE **LaLiga Smartbank** Levante v Cartagena. Kick-off at 8.00.
10.00 The MLS Show
10.30 LaLiga Show
11.00 KOTV Classics: Boxing Files
12.00-6am LaLiga

TALKSPORT *1053, 1089MW talksport.com*

6am Alan Brazil, Ray Parlour And Trevor Sinclair **10.00** Jim White And Simon Jordan **1.00** Hawksbee And Jacobs **4.00** TalkSPORT Drive With Andy Goldstein And Darren Bent **7.00** GameDay Countdown **10.00** Sports Bar **1.00-6am** Extra Time With Martin Kelner

TALKSPORT2 *DAB talksport.com*

6am Sportsday **9.00** TalkSPORT Exclusives **1.00** The TalkSPORT 2 Social **5.00** TalkSPORT Exclusives **7.00** TalkSPORT Exclusives **12.00-9am** TalkSPORT Exclusives

TIMES RADIO *DAB thetimes.co.uk/radio*

6am Chloe Tilley And Calum Macdonald **10.00** Matt Chorley **1.00** Ruth Davidson **4.00** Cathy Newman **7.00** Michael Portillo **10.00** Kait Borsay **1.00-1.30am** Stories Of Our Times

RADIO 1 *97.6-99.8FM bbc.co.uk/radio1*

7am Greg James **10.00** Anthems **10.30** Newsbeat **10.32** Anthems **11.02** Katie Thistleton **12.45** Newsbeat **1.00** Matt And Mollie **3.00** Party Anthems **4.00** The Official Chart **5.45** Newsbeat **6.00** Dance Party **8.00** Future Dance **10.00** Pete Tong **12.00-2am** Essential Mix

RADIO 2 *88-91FM bbc.co.uk/radio2*

6.30am Zoe Ball **9.30** Ken Bruce **12.00** Jeremy Vine **2.00** Steve Wright **5.00** Sara Cox **7.00** Michelle Visage **9.00** The Good Groove With DJ Spoony **12.00** Her Majesty's Music **1.00-3am** Radio 2 Unwinds With Angela Griffin

MOVIES



Sky Cinema Premiere 8pm Jennifer Lopez stars in romantic comedy Marry Me

SKY CINEMA PREMIERE

11.40am Murder At Yellowstone City (15, 2022) ★★★ **2.00 American Carnage** (15, 2022) ★★★ **3.55 Sing 2** (U, 2021) ★★★★ **6.00 Last Looks** (15, 2021) ★★★ **8.00 Marry Me** (12, 2022) ★★★ **10.00 Scream** (18, 2022) ★★★ **12.10-1.55am Stowaway** (15, 2022) ★★

SKY CINEMA MEGAHITS

10.45am Sherlock Holmes (12, 2009) ★★★★ **1.00 Sherlock Holmes: A Game Of Shadows** (12, 2011) ★★★ **3.15 Suicide Squad** (15, 2016) ★★★ **5.25 Wonder Woman 1984** (12, 2020) ★★★★ **8.00 Spider-Man: No Way Home** (12, 2021) ★★★★★ **10.30 The Dark Knight Rises** (12, 2012) ★★★★★ **1.15-3.05am Limitless** (15, 2011) ★★★★

SKY CINEMA ACTION

12.10pm I Am Legend (15, 2007) ★★★ **2.05 One Shot** (15, 2021) ★★★ **3.55 Clash Of The Titans** (12, 2010) ★★★ **5.50 Snow White & The Huntsman** (12, 2012) ★★★ **8.00 Conan The Barbarian** (15, 2011) ★★★ **10.00 The Running Man** (18, 1987) ★★★ **11.55 A Walk Among The Tombstones** (15, 2014) ★★★ **1.55-3.55am Desperado** (18, 1995) ★★★★

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1.05pm Esther Waters (PG, 1948) ★★ **3.15 Gunpoint** (PG, 1966) ★★ **5.00 Santa Fe Passage** (U, 1955) ★★ **6.50 Junior** (PG, 1994) ★★★ **9.00 Indiana Jones And The Kingdom Of The Crystal Skull** (12, 2008) Action adventure sequel. ★★★ **11.20 Last Action Hero** (PG, 1993) ★★★ **1.55-4am Entertainment** (15, 2015) ★★★

TCM MOVIES

5.05pm Murder At The Gallop (U, 1963) ★★★ **6.50 The Last Hunt** (PG, 1956) ★★★★ **9.00 The Man From UNCLE** (12, 2015) ★★★ **11.25 Get Carter** (18, 1971) ★★★★★ **1.45-3.15am Mystery Submarine** (U, 1950) ★★★

TALKING PICTURES freeview 82

1.50pm The Anniversary (PG, 1968) ★★★ **3.40 The New Light Orchestras Of Radio In 1939: Glimpses 3.55 Wanted For Murder** (PG, 1946) ★★ **6.00 The Day The Earth Caught Fire** (PG, 1961) ★★★ **8.00 The Outer Limits 9.00 Cellar Club With Caroline Munro 9.05 Night Of The Living Dead** (15, 1968) ★★★★★ **11.00 Cellar Club With Caroline Munro 11.05 Happy Birthday To Me** (15, 1981) ★★ **1.15-1.20am Cellar Club With Caroline Munro**

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1pm Signed, Sealed, Delivered 2.01 Signed, Sealed, Delivered 3.00 Reluctant Witness (PG, 2015) ★★ **4.45 Gambit** (U, 1966) ★★★ **6.55 Last Vegas** (12, 2013) ★★★ **9.00 American Gangster** (18, 2007) Fact-based crime drama. ★★★★ **12.10-3.25am The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo** (18, 2011) ★★★★





dear deidre

Edited by **SALLY LAND**

No matter what the issue, I answer every single problem

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I WANT A NEW CAREER BUT THEY THINK I CAN'T CUT IT

Dear Deidre

MOST employers want someone passionate, driven and personable. I tick all these boxes, so why can't I get a job?

I'm 56 and have been unemployed since November last year.

For most of my life I worked in sales but after the pandemic, I felt I needed a change.

When I was a teen I dreamed of being a hairdresser but Dad was very traditional and pushed me to get a "proper job".

My wife and I have been sensible with money over the years, so I don't have to worry now and she wants me to pursue my passion.

I've been applying for apprentice roles at salons ever since but I'm convinced people aren't even giving me interviews because of my age.

I know that if they met me, they'd see what I have to offer. Any advice?

■ DEIDRE SAYS: It's great that you're trying to pursue a career you're really passionate about. It's never too late.

Constant rejection can be difficult, but keep applying for roles. There will be someone who'll give you a chance.

Perhaps speak to employers face to face, or attend industry networking events so they can see what you're like.

My support pack, Help For Job Seekers has some other useful tips, and check out Rest Less (restless.co.uk) which has advice on everything, including changing careers, for the over 50s. Good luck.

Has menopause turned me gay?

Dear Deidre

WHEN I started going through the menopause, I expected the usual symptoms – hot flushes, brain fog and mood swings. But it might have turned me gay.

Never before have I been attracted to women, now I see females I fancy everywhere.

Last week I spotted my young neighbour heading out in a tiny dress and heels. I've fantasised about undressing her every night since.

I'm 49, my husband's 54 and we've been married for 13 years.

I don't have a bad word to say about him – he's kind, considerate and a fantastic dad to our three kids, aged 17, 14 and 11.

But I don't want to have sex with him any more.

Most nights, while I'm lying next to him in bed, I'm dreaming of being intimate with women, whether it's with someone off the telly or the woman across the street.

Before the menopause, we had an active sex life, usually making love two or three times a week.

When things changed, my husband sat me down and asked if there was anything he could do to help. Rather than making excuses, I was honest and explained how I was feeling.

Now he's refusing to talk to me and has been sleeping in the spare room for the last month.

I don't think he gets how confusing and overwhelming this all is. I've tried talking to my girlfriends but they don't understand it either.

They're all a bit younger than I am – they're the mums of my youngest son's friends – so I don't think they've started to go through the menopause yet.

I've made an appointment with my doctor to discuss this because I'm concerned that my urges are so strong that I'm going to end up doing something I regret.

Please help. I don't want to risk cheating on my husband.

■ DEIDRE SAYS: Some people do feel their sexuality is on a sliding scale, with people becoming more attracted to men or women at different points in their lives.

There are several menopause symptoms, however, I can't say I've heard of this. It could simply be a side of yourself you're now ready to explore. Or, it could be a sexual fantasy.

I'm sending you my support packs, Sexual Fantasies and Bisexual Questions, which should shed light on what is happening.

But it might help to talk your feelings through with someone who understands, so contact Switchboard LGBT+ (switchboard.lgbt, 0300 330 0630).

While you're not interested in sex with your husband, don't risk your marriage until you are clear about what you want.

HERE TO HELP YOU



MY team of counsellors is ready to help every day. We usually reply to you within 24 hours and always change details on any published problems to protect identities.

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If you want our help, please email problems@deardeidre.org or write *(enclosing an SAE)* to Dear Deidre, The Sun, London SE1 9GF.

SHOULD I LEAVE TO START A NEW LIFE?

Dear Deidre

I FEEL like a disappointment to everyone and think their lives would be better without me. I wish I was just being dramatic.

I'm a 35-year-old woman and live by myself. I thought that by this age I'd have a job I love and be married. Instead, I spend every evening and weekend by myself.

I've stopped trying to make new friends because I feel I annoy everyone. My ex-best friend once said I was a "drain" on her.

It doesn't help that my mum prefers my sister to me. She owns a successful floristry business and has beautiful twin daughters aged eight.

I keep thinking about running away to another country and starting again. It's not like anyone would miss me.

■ DEIDRE SAYS: It sounds as though you are struggling with low self-esteem.

Working on this will help you to feel better so I'm sending you my support pack, Raising Self-Esteem, with useful tips and details of organisations that can advise you.

This might seem daunting, but meeting new people with similar interests may also help you feel less alone.

Check out meetup.com to find local groups and events in your area.

PARTNER SCARED SEX WILL HURT HER

Dear Deidre

WHEN we first got together, the fact my girlfriend was a virgin and wanted to take things slow didn't bother me.

But now I'm beginning to feel that the lack of sex is affecting our relationship.

She's 22, I'm 26 and we've been an item for just over a year. From the beginning, she made it clear that she would not rush into sex.

She told me one of her friends had quite a traumatic first time and bled a lot.

I think that's scared her, and every time we're about to go all the way, she panics and asks to stop. I don't want to hurt her, and I understand her fears. But I also feel like this is limiting how close we are.

How do I reassure her and make her feel comfortable enough to take this next step?

■ DEIDRE SAYS: Many girls fear their first time is going to be painful. But as long as you both make sure she is fully aroused, the most she should feel is a little discomfort. She may bleed a little as the hymen (a thin tissue at the opening of the vagina) stretches.

I'm sending you my pack, First Time Fears, which should help reassure her.



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BOYFRIEND SUBSCRIBES TO ONLYFANS

Dear Deidre

I'VE just discovered my boyfriend has had a secret OnlyFans account the whole time we've been dating.

I wouldn't mind him watching free porn online but it feels different when he can interact with these girls.

It's more intimate.

I'm 19, he's 21 and we've been dating for five months.

It's been great since the start – we are constantly laughing, and our families have welcomed us both in. But last week, he let me borrow his phone. I was trying to send some pictures he'd taken to myself.

That's when I saw the app on his phone. I couldn't help but look.

It feels strange to think that he's been looking at other real women – ones he could easily have a relationship with.

■ DEIDRE SAYS: It's not surprising that you're uneasy about your boyfriend looking at explicit content of other women.

But the fact he gave you his phone willingly suggests he feels he has nothing to hide.

Sit your boyfriend down and ask him why he has this account. Explain how it makes you feel.

If after talking you still feel uncomfortable with his subscription, it wouldn't be unreasonable to ask him to stop.

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I HAD A BUM LIFT TO LOOK LIKE KIM ...JUST LIKE HER, MY JEANS DON'T FIT!

'Kim is so famous with the most followers out of every celeb... naturally girls think, 'I want that bottom'



CHEEK THIS OUT . . . Kim's cover pose, in last week's Sun



SHAPING UP . . . Nikita and, *right*, on Married At First Sight

THE Kim K bottom inspired a generation of copycats, but one woman says it is time celebs shared the realities of inflated bums.

EXCLUSIVE By JOEL COOPER

Nikita Jasmine, who had a Brazilian bum lift four years ago, is not only talking about the risks of cosmetic surgery, though.

After Kim Kardashian last week appeared on the cover of Interview magazine in a jockstrap and denims too tight to pull over her bottom, size-eight Nikita says ill-fitting jeans are a real issue.

The 28-year-old, who appeared on Channel 4's Married At First Sight last year, says: "I can't tell you the last time I wore jeans, because they can fit the waist, but can't fit my bum properly.

"Or if I get a bigger waist, it ends up all baggy at the back. I rarely wear denim shorts because they don't fit and I try to stay away from zips as much as I can. They can pop or they won't go up all the way.

"If I wear something that's got an elasticated band or material that stretches, I know I won't have a hard time.

"It's sad if you want to change your style by wearing something new and fashionable that's just out – it might not fit."

Nikita admits that Kim, 41, who has always denied rumours she has surgically enhanced her bum, inspired her to go under the knife.

She says: "I liked that she had the hourglass figure, because you can't get that figure from the gym.

"Don't get me wrong, if you get lipo and a BBL (Brazilian bum lift), obviously you train afterwards to keep the physique. But there's no way you're going to be naturally gifted with that perfect hourglass figure – slim waist, big hips and peachy bum."

'Worst pain'

A BBL involves the patient getting liposuction before the fat is then transferred into the bottom to create a fuller shape.

In the UK the procedure costs approximately £7,000, while in Turkey it is around half the price.

Nikita says: "I feel like Kim inspired the world to have BBLs. Five years ago it was the craze – the bigger the bum, the better.

"She's the most famous person in the world, with the most followers out of every celebrity. Naturally, girls think, 'I want that bum'."

Nikita adds: "I'd like to ask her what made her put it all over social media knowing that younger girls would look up to her and be influenced by her."

Nikita had a second bum lift in May 2019, she's also had two breast enlargements, plus an uplift and a reduction. She's also had a nose job and three rounds of full-body lipo, all in Turkey.

Nikita, who worked in sales before finding fame on the reality show, says the BBL procedures were the most excruciating of all.

She adds: "It was the worst pain I've ever had. They put a rod into your stomach and chop the fat up, like keyhole incisions.

"You're supposed to put weight on beforehand, as much as you can, because the more weight you have the more can go into your bum.

"I got the fat removed from my stomach, back and love handles, then I got it put in my bum.

"Then the year after, I got full body lipo, so I got it done in my chin, arms, bingo wings, stomach and my back, and I had that put into my bum. Obviously, your bum's really sore then you can't lie on it for six to eight weeks because it can crush the fat cells.

"You get given a BBL cushion that you put underneath your thighs, so basically your bum's hanging off the seat.

"I worked in an office so I had to use the cushion for eight hours a day.

"To go to bed was a nightmare because I got multiple procedures done at the same time – I was a bit of a nutter."

Nikita also had an allergic reaction to the medication she was given.

She says: "You hear horror stories about girls who haven't looked after their incisions properly, or where tools haven't been cleaned and they end up having a really bad infection with pus oozing out.

"I was given water tablets because basically you swell up and go all bruised, and they flush all the water out of your system.

"But I was allergic to them and I had to go to hospital. I had a bit of a bad turn.

"My eyes went all bloodshot and were dry and I started to feel sick and dizzy.

"So I wasn't allowed to take them, so I was swollen and full of water for longer."

Once the trauma of surgery had subsided, Nikita was keen to hit the gym

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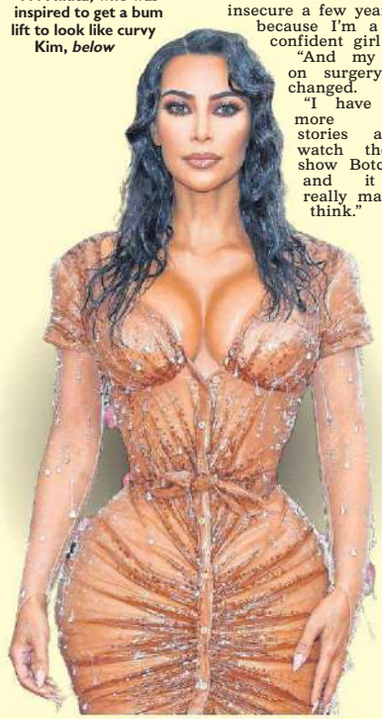
The team take to the supermarkets to find the best budget-friendly new season trends

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'FITTING IN CLOTHES IS A BUMMER'



BOTTOM LINE . . . Nikita, who was inspired to get a bum lift to look like curvy Kim, *below*



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to maintain her new figure. However, she found that much of the fat transferred to her bum disappeared.

She says: "You lose 30 per cent of the fat straight after your BBL. If you go to the gym and do cardio you lose loads of fat too.

"I started training once I'd healed and my bum just dropped off.

"That's why I went back seven months later to get another one."

Since then Nikita has maintained her curvier bottom, and while it's the shape she wanted, it is nearly impossible to dress as she did before.

She says: "I've had to get rid of loads of clothes. I live in gym sets day to day because they're tight and stretchy."

Despite Kim proudly showing off her bountiful backside recently, Nikita believes we will soon see the back of the BBL trend.

She says: "I've noticed more girls like the Kendall Jenner look – smaller bum, smaller boobs."

But that doesn't mean Nikita would consider having hers reversed.

She says: "I can't say I regret my surgeries but I do wish I wasn't so insecure a few years ago, because I'm a really confident girl now.

"And my views on surgery have changed.

"I have heard more horror stories and I watch the US show Botched – and it has really made me think."



WORKWEAR
Blouse, £29.50 and trousers, £39.50, Marks & Spencer; boots, £49.99 H&M

ANIMAL PRINT
Dress, £10, George at Asda; boots, £85, Marks & Spencer

TRACEY LEA SAYER
Fashion Director

TRACEY, 51, says: "As soon as September arrives I give my workwear a little refresh.

"A couple of classic items that never date are always worth looking out for – and I always find them with a one-stop shop at Marks & Spencer.

"This pretty shirt has a real Parisian vibe and I know I will be able to wear it with jeans at the weekend too – so it is a great multi-tasker. A smart pair of wide-leg pants always makes me feel very put-together and ready for business.

"And if I want to switch them up for the evening I would just add an oversized masculine blazer and strappy heels.

"Classic black never dates, so I know I will be able to wear these pants for years to come.

"I just need to book the boardroom out now and ask for that pay rise.

"Wish me luck."

NANA ACHEAMPONG
Celebrity Style Editor

NANA, 35, says: "Whatever the season, I am always going to find some animal print to incorporate into my wardrobe.

"But this season it's one of the catwalks' key trends.

"Whether it's spots or stripes, for me animal print is a neutral that can be paired with anything I already own.

"So super-versatile.

"The bardot detail of this dress is still giving out summer vibes, which is pretty much the way I like to dress in autumn and winter. But it can also be worn on the shoulders too.

"With all of my summer dresses, I just add a pair of boots and start layering with a jumper or leather jacket.

"The M&S boots are super-comfortable and a perfect heel height for everyday use.

"Alternatively, the dress would also look great with an oversized blazer, and belted.

"Being able to wear this dress for any season makes it a really versatile piece to invest in."

LOVE AISLE STYLE



JESS EVANS
Stylist

DOUBLE DENIM
Denim shirt, £25, F&F; jumper, £8, Nutmeg at Morrisons; jeans, £49.50, Marks & Spencer; boots, £59.99, Mango

CLEMMIE FIELDSEND
Fashion Editor

LAYERING
Coat, £39, and green jumper, £14, both F&F at Tesco; white shirt, £25, Marks & Spencer; navy trousers, £18, Tu at Sainsbury's; boots, £65, Next

JESS, 27, says: "Come rain or come shine, I love a double denim moment.

"During this transitional period I'm getting ready to ditch my light-hue jeans and switch to indigo denim, which gives me that lovely autumnal feeling.

"You can style denim all the way through to the colder months, just like I have here with this amazing matching jacket and trouser co-ord.

"Keep your wardrobe spend savvy by wearing this co-ord as separates as well as together to create three completely different looks. Switch out the jeans for an on-trend plaid skirt, or pair with boots and a big jumper, this is the ultimate cool-girl look.

"And with double denim making a big comeback this year, I am all for it.

"I would switch my comfy denim dungarees that I am constantly sporting throughout summer for this chic alternative – taking it from day to night with a pair of heeled mules and a grab bag."

CLEMMIE, 32, says: "I love autumn and winter fashion. When coats appear in new-in sections of my favourite shops, I feel a rush of excitement.

"So getting geared up for my new wardrobe is more of a treat than a task – and the super-markets have loads of great picks in store.

"I love this coat from F&F. It's in a really expensive-looking camel colour – and straight and tailored is always my go-to timeless shape for a coat. For less than £40, what's not to like?

"I always feel the cold so layering is key. Plus, you get so much more wear.

"Take this green jumper and white shirt – you can layer one under the other, with other separates or alone.

"But different clothes piled on top of each other can leave you feeling like the Michelin Man – so streamline other parts of your body, like with these tailored, tapered trousers."

WITH much more available in stores and online this season at our stylish supermarkets, here are the best of the rest to complete your wardrobe.



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The page where you tell Britain what you think

IT hasn't taken long! Kwasi Kwarteng, *pictured*, is considering removing the cap on bankers' bonuses while real workers struggle on meagre salaries and pittance rises. How very Conservative of him. The public perception of the Tory Party is spot on. While the people at the top change, the mindset doesn't.

CHRIS TORODE
Richmond, South West London



TODD BOEHLY has been Chelsea chairman for five minutes and now this stupid American wants to add an absurd All Star North vs South match to our already overcrowded football season. Mr Boehly, keep your ideas in the States where they belong.

KEVAN RODWELL
Bedford

"DEMOCRACY must update itself," said unelected EU Commission President Ursula von der Leyen to the EU Parliament!

JOE MOIR
Aberdeen

IT seems the days are gone when fruit always had that delicious sharp, sweet taste, but this week my wife was tempted to buy some oranges from a supermarket, just in case.

Hopefully I peeled one, but ate only half then threw away the rest. Tasteless! Today's kids don't know what they are missing.

PAUL MARSTON
Walsall, West Mids



WHAT fantastically hilarious stories about Victoria Beckham, *pictured*, throwing her knickers out of a taxi window and falling asleep into her dinner at an upmarket restaurant. There's nothing posh about her!

DEIDRE SIMMS
Saintfield, Co Down

So proud of Royal Family

£50 LETTER

I'VE never been much of a royalist but after seeing the devotion from the Royal Family and general public I am in awe and proud to be British.

Nowhere else on earth could you see so much love for a monarch.

Princess Anne's devotion to her mother is amazing – she has hardly left her body's side since the tragic loss.

PAUL ALLEN
Grantham, Lincs

WATCHING the Queen's coffin procession on Wednesday made one feel proud to be British.

The crowds, the timing, such a wonderful sight on such a sad occasion. May the Queen rest in peace along with Philip.

PETE LAMBELL
Daventry, Northants

AT this sad time I've been thinking of why I love my Royal Family and Her Majesty.

My young life wasn't the greatest, with no father and a mother who wasn't there a lot of the time.

It was my service in HM Armed Forces and now as a veteran that has given me the family I needed.

Her Majesty became a mother figure, so my love for her allowed me to have pride in her and my country no matter what you think about the United Kingdom.

I now pledge my loyalty to His Majesty King Charles III.

DENNIS GIMES
Shepherd's Bush, West London

I FEEL so sorry for the Queen's children, especially Edward. He has been an exemplary son – an excellent example to others.

A hard worker, a loving family man, no scandals about him. I think we can definitely say the Queen was a good mother, teaching her children how to live life to the fullest and being there when they needed her.

May she rest in peace.

PAUL MADDOCKS
Cheshunt, Herts

I AM so glad Prince Harry can wear a military uniform for a vigil beside the coffin of his dear grandmother tomorrow.

Prince Edward dropped out of the Royal Marines after four months but can wear uniform while Harry, who served in the Army for ten years and undertook two tours in Afghanistan, had been told he could not. It beggared belief.

PATRICIA OTTO-LANGUI
Tower Hamlets, East London

IT is wonderful that Prince Harry can wear his uniform tomorrow.

I thought it was a real shame that he was not being allowed to, having served this country.

He is a former soldier who went to a war zone.

Whereas Prince Edward, who never completed basic training, is allowed to wear full military regalia, with a chest full of medals, for what I don't know.

I am glad King Charles granted Harry special permission.

MARK JOHN
Croydon, South London

CHARLES gets a "promotion" and his loyal staff get made redundant.

Strange old world when your job depends on the status of your boss. And I wonder what their terms of redundancy are while King Charles III is inheriting castles, palaces, mansions, all types of property, art and shares all over the world.

SYD VAUHAN
Birmingham

I FOR one cannot understand the criticism regarding the closure of food banks on the Monday bank holiday for the funeral of Her Majesty the Queen.

Surely if people know that they are closing then they can get extra provisions during the previous weekend.

Is it too much to ask for one day to celebrate the life of a lady who gave 70 years' service to this country?

MICHAEL TAYLOR
Sholing, Southampton

MANY are finding it unbelievable that we're seeing such large queues to view our late Queen's coffin. I hope we're not heading for a time when such queues could be seen for the food banks.

DAVID ROSE
Linton, Cambs

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OUR new King needs to take a well-earned break before he takes on the massive task before him, and so does our hard working Princess Royal so they can grieve for their Mama in private.
MAUREEN, Cleveland

ANTI-ROYALISTS can protest after the Queen's funeral but not now. There is a time and place.
GEOFF, Bristol

NOW Liz Truss is PM will people think that the strikes, inflation and illegal immigration are her fault, as with Boris? Or will he still be getting the blame in 20 years' time?
MACDORIS, Peterborough, Cambs

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ARIES March 21 – April 20
You have a way with words that impresses thanks to the power of the moon and Mercury today. And you can make the best decisions at work, or if you are looking for a career change or new ways to earn extra money. Love that perhaps neither partner has taken seriously suddenly feels full of future potential.

TAURUS April 21 – May 21
It may not be the first time, but it's the right time to commit to a more healthy lifestyle. Mars in your money zone sees success with investments you haven't tried before, including an unusual way of saving, or spending. Yes, you have constructive things to say, but do be tactful.

GEMINI May 22 – June 21
With the heat of the sun and the steam of Neptune on opposite sides of your chart, you could face a choice between a relationship based on intense passion and one that's dedicated to shared ambition. As soon as you step inside an unusual property, you can sense exactly why you could call it home.

CANCER June 22 – July 22
Your moon intuition is set at maximum and you only have to look at a list of names to recognise your soulmate. It's a surprise, but this time you're ready to choose instead of overthinking. The friend you consider smartest can send a job chance your way – with a strong chance of success. Luck visits door No 67.

LEO July 23 – August 23
Some people may think you're a pushover when you forgive a friend, but it proves you have moved on. And when the two of you share new business ideas, you could both be winners. A "T" cash offer is very tempting, but it does need to be thought through properly. Refuse to let yourself be rushed.

VIRGO August 24 – September 22
Fiery planet Mars makes you sound more determined when you talk about the life you want to lead. And a pastel-coloured application form can be the start of something spectacular. As for love, the first date is OK, but by date three, this can be turning into a relationship that's fun, and future-proof.

LIBRA September 23 – October 23
The sun stays at the top of your chart, and decisions you make will be starred for success when you trust your inner voice. At work, seize any opportunity to talk about your true ambitions. Yes, your ideas may be a little unusual, but you present them perfectly. Initial 'F' can be significant, on so many levels.

SCORPIO October 24 – November 22
Take the time to research all the information you need about setting up a new enterprise and you'll be able to impress the people who will support you best. A name you suddenly notice on your contacts list could be part of your romantic future. Letter 'Q' in a postcode may link to prizes.

SAGITTARIUS November 23 – December 21
If you'd like more control over your future, find it by daring to believe in the plans you make today, instead of doubting them. As for love, stop expecting a relationship to be perfect and just enjoy it as it is. Strong sun luck-power highlights a competition where generations of a family stand in a line together.

CAPRICORN December 22 – January 20
Uranus, the genius planet, sharpens your mind – and pictures you take today can lead to a business path, with a celebrity guide. Your new, super-sexy air of personal independence triples the power of love in a relationship. Single? Get ready for a tough choice, as three very different people target you.

AQUARIUS January 21 – February 18
It may seem safer to keep your best ideas hidden, but today you are ready to see how far they take you. If you're single, a decision to only fall in love with someone who offers you equal devotion can change everything. A family holiday or other travel-based memoir has bestselling potential.

PISCES February 19 – March 20
As Venus and Mars clash, it's time to widen your love search – as someone so different can be such a hot match. If you're attached, even fiery words work better than cold silences. An old collection, perhaps inherited through your mother's family, can have a modern, surprising value. Luck circles No 72.

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MAKING TRACKS . . . Brett Anderson, *front*, and the rest of the band

the BIG INTERVIEW BRETT ANDERSON

Suede

'Being with a few blokes in a room, bashing bits of wood and smashing bits of metal, your child side takes over'

By SIMON COSYNS

By his own admission, Suede's Brett Anderson is a man of contradictions.

The elegant frontman is equally capable of primal performance and profound expression.

These are the contrasting qualities that make his band's ninth studio album, Autofiction, a towering accomplishment.

Anderson calls it "a loud, noisy, nasty rock record but with lyrical vulnerability that comes from being an older man".

Thirty years after Suede's self-titled debut, the 54-year-old is well aware of losing "the arrogance of youth".

But then he says: "Without wishing to blow my own trumpet, I am going to say something pretty arrogant.

"I don't think many artists manage to carry on making interesting music.

"We've found ourselves on a career path where we're still doing viable work in our fifties."

Maybe this is because Anderson is a perfectionist for whom perfection is always just out of reach.

"My motivation to keep going comes from looking back on stuff we've done in the past with a sense of dissatisfaction," he says.

This from a man who sailed through the Nineties on the crest of Britpop's wave in a band feted for a string of acclaimed albums – Suede (1993), Dog Man Star (1994) and Coming Up (1996).

'A lot to prove'

Speaking via Zoom from the home he shares with wife Jodie and their children, Anderson continues: "I'm always slightly disappointed, even with the music that's looked kindly upon by critics."

He believes Suede have yet to achieve the godlike status of artists who inspired him to form a band in the first place – David Bowie, Roxy Music, The Smiths.

"I'd like to think we might get there eventually. That's all part of my quest," he says with a self-deprecating smirk.

"We have to keep looking for something better even if perfection is an illusion, like infinity.

"It always feels as if we've got a lot of prove. We try to make a great record but it's never quite as good as I want it to be," he sighs, before adding, "That'll be the next one!"

Like any band you could mention, Suede have had their ups and downs, including breaking up in 2003 under a cloud of disillusionment.

Since reforming in 2010, however, it has been a more stable ship with Autofiction being the fourth studio album since that seven-year hiatus.

"Splitting up was the best thing we ever did," says Anderson. "When you become successful, you become lazy and entitled.

"You think, 'Oh, we'll release a record and everyone's going to love it' so the shock of discovering you can't coast was a good thing. We'd run out of ideas and I didn't really know what Suede was any more."

Their return to the fray for a Teenage Cancer Trust gig at the Royal Albert Hall kickstarted the renaissance.

"I realised we'd thrown something away which was precious, something we shouldn't do again. That's partly why we're making some of our best music right now."

With that in mind, consider Suede convening at a rehearsal space in London's King's Cross to make their new album armed with 50 songs written over the past four years.

As the Covid pandemic subsided, it was like uncorking a bottle of fizz, a release of unbridled energy and renewed commitment . . . complete with deliberate imperfections.

Anderson says: "Autofiction is supposed to be a raw, primal howl of a record instead of a sophisticated, thoughtful one. We wanted to rip it up and burn it down to the stubble.

"There's nothing quite as exciting for a musician as when you're making a lot of noise.

"Being with a few blokes in a room, bashing bits of wood and smashing bits of metal, your child side takes over."

The singer likens the process to Lord Of The Flies, William Golding's story of a group of boys stranded on an uninhabited island and the feral behaviour that ensues.

"As I get older I can't listen to over-produced music. It kind of bores me," Anderson tells me.

"It sounds as if it was made by a computer and I want to hear music made by a human being.

"To me, Autofiction is a deeply flawed record, but beautifully flawed.

"I want the listener to feel like they've walked in on a rehearsal with all the count-ins, f***-ups and coughing."

Save for breathers in the shape of a couple of ballads, the album sets a cracking pace in stark contrast to the complexities of Suede's previous album, 2018's The Blue Hour. "I think every record's a reaction to the last one," says Anderson. "The Blue Hour was left field, odd and arty.

"We went as far as we could down that path and the pendulum has swung back. We just wanted to make something that felt really exciting."

There's no doubt that the band comprising Anderson's fellow founder member Mat Osman (bass), Simon Gilbert (drums), Richard Oakes (guitars) and Neil Codling (keyboards) have recaptured Suede's early spirit.

"But I didn't want to be nostalgic," affirms Anderson. "That was really key.

"It's very consciously and deliberately a rock record made by

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Picture: DEAN CHALKLEY

the BIG FILM



WARRING exes played by George Clooney and Julia Roberts fly to Bali to stop their daughter's wedding in Ticket To Paradise.

the BIG GAME



KID-FRIENDLY shoot 'em up Splatoon 3 is a rare example of a trilogy finale that more than lives up to what came before.

the BIG ALBUM



JAPANESE Brit singer Rina Sawayama is at her inventive best on playful and provocative second album Hold The Girl.

the BIG READ



STEPHEN KING doesn't disappoint in portal-to-other-world fantasy Fairy Tale. We also talk to thriller writer Linwood Barclay.

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TOP GIGS **HOT CHIP** – Wednesday, 02 Academy, Brixton, gigsandtours.com; **THE 1975** – January 15, Resorts World Arena, Birmingham, gigsandtours.com; **DEATH CAB FOR CUTIE** – March 25, 02 Apollo, Manchester, gigsandtours.com.

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW



Picture: DEAN CHALKLEY

'These songs are about the cracks behind the mask'

SUEDE
Autofiction
★★★★½

1. She Still Leads Me On
2. Personality Disorder
3. 15 Again
4. The Only Way I Can Love You
5. That Boy On The Stage
6. Drive Myself Home
7. Black Ice
8. Shadow Self
9. It's Always The Quiet Ones
10. What Am I Without You?
11. Turn Off Your Brain And Yell

■Autofiction is out today

From previous page

somebody who's 54 and not in their twenties.

"That might sound like a contradiction because rock music is conventionally the preserve of the young."

When Anderson performs live, you get the impression of a confident, swaggering rock star with his audience in the palm of his hand.

"But these songs are very much about the cracks behind the mask," he says. "The complexes, the flaws, the neuroses, the anxieties and the insecurities that one is confronted with as you get deeper into life.

"There's a tendency for people to believe that, as you get older, you get more comfortable.

"I have a family who I love and I'm relatively well-off but that doesn't mean there aren't challenges.

"A family is such a fragile thing. You have so much responsibility to its members. That can be a huge burden.

"No life is easy, life is hard, and I always look for frictions and tensions to talk about in my work.

"As a father and husband, I don't let darkness into my reality but as a writer and as an artist, I do."

'My amazing mum'

Anderson accepts that the lyrical themes explored on Autofiction make it one of his most personal works, partly inspired by his recent memoirs Coal Black Mornings and Afternoons With The Blinds Down.

"This album is much less veiled," he decides. "Much more stark musically and emotionally.

"I've tried to confront things about myself face-on in a much more brutal way."

Though the anthemic opening track She Still Leads Me On serves as a moving tribute to Anderson's late mother, Sandra, it also strikes a forward-facing tone.

"I wanted it to be about loss but not grief," he says.

Rather than being a lament about the void she left in his life, he's talking about "someone still having a positive effect even though they've gone".

Anderson continues: "My mum was an amazing, unique woman. Three decades after she died, she is still my guiding light.

"Like with everyone's mum, she's the most important person to me or certainly in the top three. It's your mum, your wife and your kids, isn't it?"

She Still Leads Me On acts as a companion piece to Life Is Golden, on The Blue Hour, which is about his son. "One is written from parent to child and one from child to parent," he explains.

"Family is where my passion lives now. In your twenties, it's all about the girlfriends you're splitting up with."

Anderson brings his edginess to menacing Personality Disorder and shimmering Shadow Self.

He takes a long hard look at himself on That Boy On Stage, which, he says, contrasts "my stage persona with the real me. The older I get, the two sides drift further and further apart."

Then there's 15 Again, which is about "allowing space at the table for your younger self.

"The song is less about nostalgia and more about a state of mind that can happen at any point in your life. You can feel 15 when you're 50."

But Anderson is at pains to point out: "It would be a massive personal failure if I wasn't very different to the me of 40 years ago.

"Something would be terribly wrong and I like to think I've evolved a bit!"

The beautifully poised Drive Myself Home serves as a moment of reflection among the mayhem.

"Even though I've called it our 'punk record', we can write interesting ballads," says the singer.

"On this record, Drive Myself Home and Shadow Self are about taking it down, so you can take it up again. If it was one tone all the way through, it wouldn't be a Suede record."

Autofiction ends in emphatic style with Turn Off Your Brain And Yell ... something we should all try occasionally.

Anderson says: "There's this child inside you who just wants to scream and rock music allows you to do that. It gives you licence to behave like a toddler."

'Stumbled on stage'

He really is still like a kid in a sweet shop when it comes to singing live and says: "I enjoy being on stage more than I used to.

"If you can keep yourself vaguely in shape and last the 90 minutes, then you can use all your experience to understand the psychology of crowds.

"When I first stumbled on stage in the early days, I did't know what the f*** I was doing and I found out the hard way, like being thrown into the deep end of a swimming pool. Now I love the flow of energy between band and audience which goes on a loop."

Next up for Suede is a string of album launch events followed by two gigs at the Electric Ballroom in their old Camden stomping ground as well as European and American dates.

Anderson affirms: "We're going to live in Autofiction world for a bit but we've already started writing the next record.

"I'd like it to be very surprising and avant-garde ... not just Suede but Suede collaborating with someone else maybe."

Finally, I ask this restless soul, still on his search for perfection, to pick his favourite creation.

"If I had to choose one song, it would have be The Wild Ones on Dog Man Star," he replies, referring to the haunting classic written with long-departed Bernard Butler.

"Dog Man Star is a pretty special record but, again, it's not perfect," he decides.

"I shall keep trying to make that perfect record."

NEW RELEASES

MARCUS MUMFORD
(Self-titled)

THEY say that you can judge an artist by the company he keeps.

And Mumford's classy debut solo album features the beguiling talents of producer/guitarist Blake Mills, Phoebe Bridgers, Clairo and the singer who masterminded Joni Mitchell's surprise return to the stage, Brandi Carlile.

But this is not really about them, however tasteful their contributions.

The opening song, Cannibal, is a brave, deeply personal reflection on being abused as a child, revealed for the first time, and the next song, Grace, is about the moment he told his mother.

Elsewhere, the sparse, understated Only Child is a thing of genuine beauty.

Not an easy listen but there's a warmth and wistfulness about this album that suggests Mumford solo has much to offer.

★★★★ SC



TURIN BRAKES
Ether Song

THE ninth album from the South London four-piece was recorded in their garden studio – and judging by the tracks, it is a place which inspired a laid-back, idyllic mood.

Their folk rock has always had an emotional impact. Now it's imbued with a heartbreaking sweetness and nostalgic yearning.

Tunes like Into The Sun recall American Seventies soft rock, with echoes of a psychedelic jazz odyssey going on in the background.

And the heart-swelling feel to songs such as World Like That mixes fears with a fragile optimism.

Meanwhile, Isolation is vulnerable but self-aware and powered by an irresistible groove.

Their story is one of honing their craft and staying true to their path – a journey which has led them to somewhere pretty wonderful.



★★★★½ JS

RINA SAWAYAMA
Hold The Girl

THIS second album from Japanese/British artist Sawayama is provocative with a playful and clever sense of humour and it makes blending and updating genres seem like child's play.

The title track is an emotional pop anthem with orchestral riffs, while single This Hell attacks prejudice in a disco-powered pop stomper.

But she's at her inventive best on tracks like Frankenstein – writing from the viewpoint of the monster exploring her vulnerability in an up-tempo sonic romp.

Your Age revisits her fascination with nu-metal, taking the forcefulness of that genre and giving it an emotional and vulnerable twist.

Cambridge-educated in political science, it's no surprise that lyrically she's a cut above your average pop princess. There's no holding this girl back.



★★★★★ JS



Profile: CHARLEY CROCKETT

WITH a name like Crockett, you can't help thinking, "He can't be…"

But yes, Americana's latest superstar-in-waiting is a distant relative of Davy Crockett, the fabled King Of The Wild Frontier who died at the Battle of the Alamo in 1836.

Texan Charley Crockett, following in the rich tradition of Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings, Townes Van Zandt et al, has just released his latest album, The Man From Waco.

Described as the "purest distillation" of his "Gulf & Western" sound so far, the 14 songs blending blues and country music should see his fame stretch far beyond the Lone Star state.

Its creation started as a demo session with producer Bruce Robison at The Bunker outside Austin, and features Crockett's band The Blue Drifters throughout.

"I just wanted an honest partnership – do it at your place, live to tape, everybody in the room," says the 38-year-old late bloomer of the sessions.

"The magic is in the performances on that tape. That's what Bruce wanted to do, that's what I wanted to do.

"When we were done, I said, 'These are masters, not demos'."



CHARLEY CROCKETT
The Man From Waco
★★★★

He certainly bottles some of the famed maverick country outlaw spirit of his illustrious forbearers.

"Everybody was telling me, 'Go right, go right, go right'," says the Stetson-wearing singer. "I went left. I had to hold on to what has gotten me this far."

With its Memphis-style horns and soulful vocals from Crockett, lead single on the new album, I'm Just A Clown, has helped ratchet up the interest. The title track takes its name from a deliciously dark murder ballad which came to Crockett as he and his band headed through Waco late one night on tour.

"We were driving over the Brazos River and started talking about James Hand, who passed away in the pandemic," he says in reference to the country singer born in the Texan city, the scene of the 1993 siege of the religious sect Branch Davidian compound.

"At first, we were having fun with the song," he adds. "We weren't making fun of James or anything, but we weren't taking the song seriously.

"But sometimes, it's those songs that you're not taking seriously that end up being the ones that stick and take on a whole other meaning."

Crockett is rightfully proud of his latest work. He says: "There was a looseness that led to a lot of inspired performances which felt good right away."

Aside from his band, it also features The Greyhounds' multi-instrumentalist Anthony Farrell, who he calls "the record's secret weapon".

But the true star of the show is Charley himself. And to share his musical genius, he will be heading for the UK next month for a short tour.

SIMON COSYNS

sftw MOVIES

TOP 5 FILMS THIS WEEK

1. See How They Run
2. Tad The Lost Explorer And The Curse Of The Mummy
3. Jaws
4. Brahmastra Part 1: Shiva
5. Minions 2: The Rise Of Gru

●Chart from britinfo.net



MOONAGE DAYDREAM

(15) 135 mins ★★★★

ROCK 'n' roll space invader David Bowie relished smashing boundaries.

Witness a 1973 clip from Moonage Daydream in which TV host Russell Harty grills Bowie – in glossy lipstick and pink eyeshadow – about his footwear.

Harty asks: "Are those men's shoes, or women's shoes, or bisexual shoes?"

Bowie laughs and replies: "They're shoe shoes, silly."

A reminder of his revolutionary warping of gender stereotypes in the 1970s.

Bowie himself provides the narrative, culled from old interviews, in his 60-fags-a-day rasp.

His cocaine addiction and his "I believe in fascism" statement in a 70s interview aren't dissected. Instead, you get the artist and intellectual. Yet it's the cinematic sound that is gripping.

Fresh mixes and rarely-heard mash-ups from the archives abound. Jean Genie segueing into the Beatles' Love Me Do is a highlight. And with his array of costumes and characters Bowie was made for the big screen. He says: "Since I was 16 I was determined to have the greatest adventure any one could ever have."

You leave the cinema believing he just might have pulled off that feat.

OLIVER HARVEY



HATCHING

(15) 91 mins ★★★

THERE isn't much I haven't seen as a film critic – but a big, scary bird tormenting a family in a Finnish horror movie is a new one to me.

Take away the foreign language and subtitles, though, and Hatching could be a David Cronenberg effort.

Hanna Bergholm's film features many of The Fly director's traits – namely creepiness and a metamorphosing body.

The veneer of schoolgirl Tinja's perfect life in a wealthy neighbourhood is quite literally shattered when a bird crashes around her living room.

Her cold-hearted mum dispatches the scared creature that Tinja attempts to save.

For parts of this movie it's hard to know what is more monstrous – the vain and pushy mother or the beastly intruder. There is a Grimm-like fairytale element to the story, with Tinja almost princess-like and her mum a cruel ruler.

After a while the psychological drama threatens to drag and anyone hoping for full-on scares might be disappointed.

In the end, Hatching is an intriguing movie that isn't quite able to fully stretch its wings.

GRANT ROLLINGS



Dulcie Pearce AT THE MOVIES

This is just Cloo Doh!



WEDDING CRASHERS . . Roberts and Clooney as warring parents

ROM-COM royalty George Clooney and Julia Roberts are once again hitting the big screen – in their fourth film together.

And while their bright-white smiles are just as radiant, and their hair as thick as ever, the power pair can't produce enough gloss to cover the stench of a script so stagnant it could have been dusted off from Meg Ryan's bin 30 years ago.

The story is of divorced couple David (Clooney) and Georgia (Roberts) who in the quick-fire opening scenes share how much they loathe each other.

David smashes a ball against a squash court, while Georgia sips a cocktail, both explaining how their marriage was the worst time of their lives. Now apart, they are happier than ever.

Zero chemistry

There's a problem though: David and Georgia share Lily (Kaitlyn Dever), their meek nearly-lawyer daughter.

After graduating, Lily heads to Bali with best friend Wren (Billie Lourd), a two-dimensional, wacky and sexually promiscuous drunk.

There, Lily meets local seaweed farmer Gede (Maxime Bouttier) and after 37 days of a whirlwind romance – none of which we see – the pair are engaged.

Ignoring their supposed hate for each other, David and Georgia hatch a plan to go to Bali to stop the wedding. But this plan involves barely any planning at all. David says a couple of passive-aggressive things to the groom, they hide some meaningless rings that are easily replaced and do a half-ar*ed trip to a "cursed" island.

There are, of course, lots of rom-com traits that can be forgiven. For example, how a seaweed farmer can live in what appears to be a five-star hotel.

Or, how Georgia can sleep a whole night in a rainforest and wake up looking like she's about to shoot another Lancome advert.

But what can't be forgiven in this film, written and directed by Ol Parker, is the young couple having zero chemistry, the sleepwalking performances from the usually excellent Dever and Lourd, and some truly terrible CGI dolphins.

It gets an extra star for an amusing drinking game where Clooney and Roberts finally show their talent.

But save that ticket money for a trip elsewhere.

In cinemas September 20.

TICKET TO PARADISE

(12A)104mins ★★

FILM NEWS

- HOME invasion horror The Strangers (2008) is to be remade as a trilogy.
- SOFIA Coppola will direct a Priscilla Presley biopic.
- SKYFALL director Sam Mendes says the next James Bond should be directed by a woman.



sftw DJ PLAYLIST With DJ FRESH

FROM his roots in underground drum and bass outfit Bad Company, to catapulting to mainstream success, DJ Fresh is one of the most prolific pioneers and he's helped guide D&B to a wider audience and to chart hit recognition.

Having notched up numerous top 10 singles and two UK No1s, whilst collaborating with the likes of Diplo, Rita Ora, Ella Eyre, Dizzee Rascal, Ellie Goulding and more, Fresh is back with new single Higher. A collaboration with in-demand producer Used, and featuring Nikki Ambers, it's out now on his Breakbeat Kaos label.

We caught up with DJ Fresh this week and he's put together a playlist of great tracks for us, including the new single.

Listen to the music and read what he had to say about it at thesun.co.uk/music.

MARK GWINNETT

GAMES



Edited by DEREK BROWN

SPLATOON 3

Switch – £49.99 ★★★★★

THIRD parts of trilogies are tricky. Return Of The Jedi, Back To The Future III and the third Bridget Jones were all, appropriately, big pants compared to the first two.

But sometimes it works. And that's Splatoon 3. It's not a revolution of the paint-splattering, kid-friendly shoot 'em up, but it's been tweaked in almost every way.



Great arenas, a lovely set of unlockable paint guns, quick loading times, bish, bash, bosh matches and a great curve of improvement.

Not only is multiplayer near-perfection – the single player game is fully-fledged and fantastic. A must for anyone who is serious about getting good at the game.

Nintendo should be proud of this franchise, just make sure you get a dollop of it.

BOOKS

Edited by NATASHA HARDING

FAIRY TALE

Stephen King, £22

PICK OF THE WEEK

CHARLIE READE has dealt with a lot in his 17 years but he's a good kid.

When reclusive Howard falls and breaks his leg, Charlie calls the ambulance and suggests he looks after the old man's dog until he is well enough to leave hospital.

Sadly Howard dies, but left a tape informing Charlie that inside his shed is a portal to another world.

Charlie goes on a terrifying adventure of a lifetime, where goodness must prevail.

Scary, original and thrilling, King never disappoints.

★★★★★



VAMPS: FRESH BLOOD

Nicole Arend, £8.99

DILLON struggles to fit in at boarding school – he's just found out he's half human, half vampire.

From a humble upbringing, raised by his human father on a farm, he must quickly adapt as his blood-sucking side is awakened.

But at the elite school for rich vampires from powerful families, Dillon is immersed in a fight for survival as many fear his special blood makes him stronger and a threat.

This is fast-paced and enthralling.

★★★★★

HANNAH BYRNE



THE LOST MAN OF BOMBAY

Vaseem Khan, £16.99

INDIA has gained independence. It is 1950 in Bombay and Persis Wadia, the nation's first woman detective, is sidelined at Malabar House, a small police station.

Then climbers find a corpse – dubbed the Ice Man – in a Himalayan cave and Persis must battle red tape, sexism and a serial killer in a complex case.

A brilliant whodunnit mingling fascinating history, the flavours of India and a Himalayan blizzard of clues.

★★★★½

BILL TODD



THE INK BLACK HEART

Robert Galbraith, £25

WHEN a dishevelled Edie Ledwell begs to speak to her, PI Robin Ellacott doesn't know what to do.

The co-creator of popular cartoon The Ink Black Heart is being persecuted online by a sinister figure.

Robin says the agency can't help – but a few days later she reads that Edie has been murdered at the show's location.

It's then up to Robin and Cormoran Strike to uncover the identity of the online menace.

A clever mystery that ticks all the boxes.

★★★

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MORE BOOKS OVER PAGE

sftw BOOKS

TOP 5 THIS WEEK

1. The Empire by Michael Ball
2. Gloves Off by Tyson Fury
3. It Starts With Us by C Hoover
4. Jamie Oliver's One: Simple One-Pan Wonders
5. Intensity: Inside Liverpool FC by Pep Lijnders

Source: WHSmith



Edited by NATASHA HARDING

COLDITZ – PRISONERS OF THE CASTLE

Ben MacIntyre, £25

IF you were a schoolboy in the 70s, the story of the World War Two German prison camp Colditz was the ultimate escapist fantasy.

Thanks to the BBC TV show and a board game you could imagine you were there, too, outwitting Jerry.

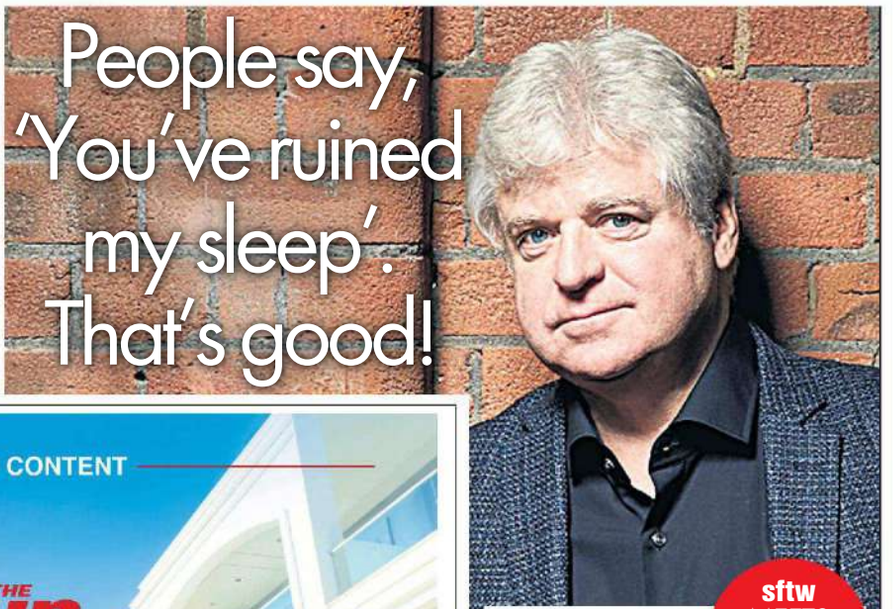
The story of how an "escape proof" gothic German castle became one of the touchstones of British derring do is told in this fascinating book.

It's a tale of heroism, stiff upper lips and ingenuity. There were brilliant plans, foolhardy schemes and moments of danger and farce. Brilliant minds came up with incredible forgeries, costumes and gadgets.

But there was a darker side. Racism and class snobbery were rampant. French officers refused to be billeted with Jews. British officers were allowed to escape, but not their orderlies.

The Kommandant, an Anglophile who once taught in Cheltenham, thought all Brits were polite and obsessed with fair play. He ended up a disappointed man. ★★★★½ SJC





sftw MEETS LINWOOD BARCLAY

RUINING a reader's sleep because they couldn't put his book down is the biggest compliment that Linwood Barclay has been paid by a fan.

His thrillers are known for taking the reader to the edge and he's happy to continue to oblige.

The 67-year-old's latest book, Take Your Breath Away, is available now in paperback and, as always, you just don't know how the novel is going to pan out.

Barclay, who lives in Toronto, Canada, says: "Andy's wife Brie disappeared six years ago and, although the police believed he murdered her, they couldn't find any proof of this. Suddenly, his world turns upside down one Saturday when there are sightings around town of a woman who looks just like her.

"The best compliment I've ever had is, 'You ruined my night's sleep because I couldn't stop reading your book'. I want to entertain, to keep you turning the page, to keep you guessing. If you're not doing that for the reader, what's the point?

"There are various components to a great thriller. There needs to be something huge at stake. Something so important that even if our heroes aren't at all equipped to deal with very bad people, they have no choice but to engage.

"And a good thriller needs to have a sense of momentum. It's the proverbial boulder rolling down a hill, picking up speed as it goes."

Rejected by publishers

Readers won't find themselves bogged down with long explanations about procedure in a Barclay thriller.

He says: "I tend to write about a world that is familiar to me, the one I live in, so extensive research is often not necessary. I don't tend to do much forensic research. That stuff bores me."

Before becoming a novelist, Barclay worked as a journalist in Canada. He was also the humour columnist for the Toronto Star, Canada's largest-circulation newspaper.

He says: "I was writing stories from about the third or fourth grade *[Year 4]*. In my teens I was writing short novels and thought I'd like to write for TV. The novels I wrote in my early twenties were rejected by every publisher I sent them to, and we can all be thankful for that, so I went into newspapers where I could write every day, including a thrice-weekly column I did for 15 years.

"Eventually I got back to writing novels, and this time the publishers felt differently."

And the dad-of-two has no plan to stop writing any time soon. He says: "I can't imagine quitting for good – as long as I can keep the plots straight in my head, I'll keep plugging away.

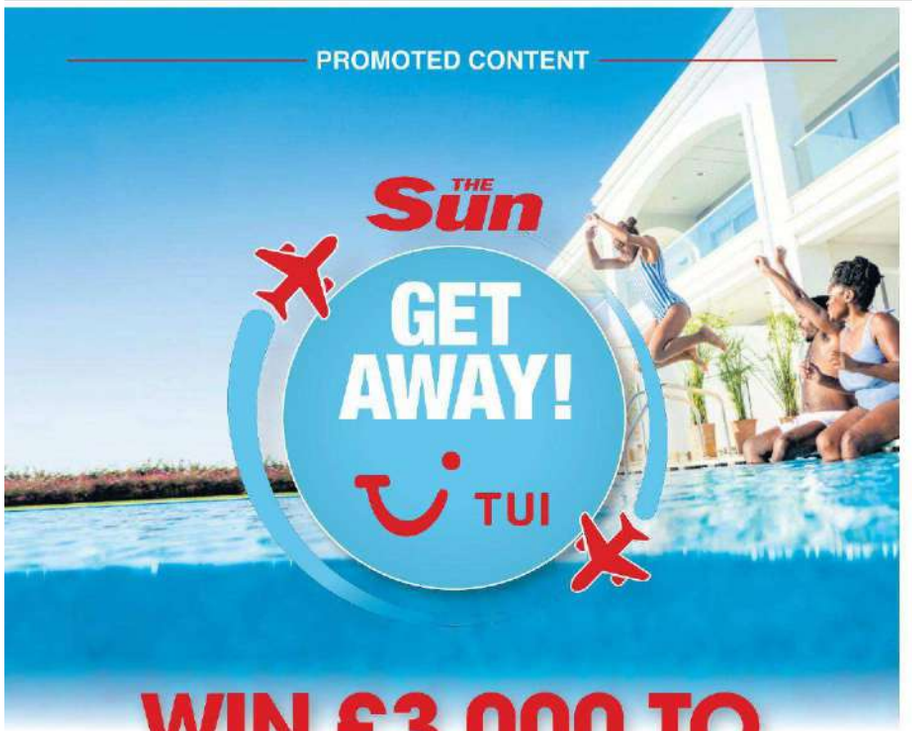
"I wouldn't know what to do with myself if I weren't writing a book a year.

"Anyway, I'm probably otherwise unemployable."

■ **Take Your Breath Away is out now**



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PETER RABBIT: HIDE AND SEEK!

Rachel Bright and Nicola Kinnear, £7.99

PETER RABBIT is probably Beatrix Potter's most famous character – he has entertained young readers for more than 100 years.

This new picture book series is inspired by the cheeky rabbit and sees him embark on new adventures.

In the first instalment, he draws on his wily ways to save his friends from Mr Tod, who plans to eat his friends by pretending to play hide and seek.

Peter has a bright idea that features an "invisibleness cloak". They must work together to outfox the fox.

Charming read, with magnificent illustrations. ★★★★



SHIFTY'S BOYS

Chris Offutt, £9.99

MICK HARDIN is a US Army cop on leave in Kentucky after being injured by an IED in Afghanistan.

In the past, he had run-ins with foul-mouthed criminal matriarch Shifty Kissick but when her heroin dealer son, "F***' Barney", is shot dead, she swallows her pride and asks him to investigate.**

Mick's sister Linda, who faces re-election as sheriff, begs him not to make waves but it's soon clear this was more than just another drug-related death.

A dark, funny tale about backwoods crime, feuding Hillbilly clans – and a mother's grief. ★★★★ SJC



SPARK

MG Leonard, £7.99

THE group known as the "twitchers" are back for more bird-watching and crime-fighting action.

This time Jack has stumbled upon a wounded pet, only to discover it is merely one of many victims of a ruthless criminal.

Jack becomes determined to catch the culprit and eventually identifies a suspect, Lady Goremore of Mord Hall, but talk of a mythical creature roaming the skies of Briddvale creates even more danger.

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A TEN-YEAR cold case, an assassination plot and an encounter with "the Viking" . . . it's just another Thursday murder club for pensioners Joyce, Elizabeth, Ibrahim and Ron.

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But Elizabeth, a retired spy, has her own problems when the mysterious Viking issues threats and she has to track down a former KGB assassin. Coopers Chase retirement village is once more a hive of activity.

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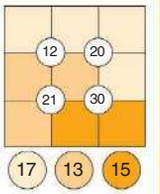
BRAINBUSTER

Of which historical person's name is the following an anagram?

A QUEEN – A FINE LIAR, TOO

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TWO-SPEED CROSSWORD

Two sets of clues but the answers are the same

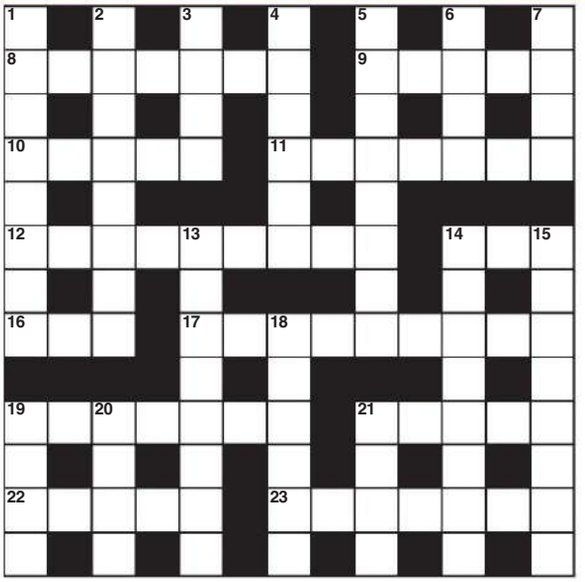
Cryptic clues

ACROSS

8 Retired cover girl in Catch-22 (7)
9 Like Bunter coming in to be served (5)
10 Actor Sophia, large, backed fiddling emperor (5)
11 The main deity's heavenly body (7)
12 Bird seed gets inside power tool (9)
14 Fish in this spot caught? (3)
16 Daughter to back point (3)
17 He bills me incorrectly to decorate (9)
19 Fiery principal an impetuous person (7)
21 Horrible food from Venus Williams (5)
22 Stock set with food as image shows (5)
23 This writer backed angry government (7)

DOWN

1 Isle Dido madly loved (8)
2 Reed almost certainly jazzy (8)
3 Response from congregation in Parliament (4)
4 Lion bite? Moggies love it! (6)
5 Poor Carl walloped an NCO (8)
6 List of prime numbers (4)
7 Present from the rector (4)
13 Dotty Spencer on ecstasy shows charisma (8)
14 Sword: it stops racism developing (8)
15 Greek hero cool in rising water (8)
18 Hound finds elusive burrowing creature (6)
19 Headwear worn by European cook (4)
20 Secure drain pipe at last (4)
21 Don't go to s-sleep (4)



Coffee time

ACROSS

8 Quandary (7)
9 Grossly overweight (5)
10 Legendary Italian actress (5)
11 Eighth planet (7)
12 Slender-billed wader (9)
14 Ocean (3)
16 Speck (3)
17 Ornament (9)
19 Excitable individual (7)
21 Pig food (5)
22 Jellied garnish (5)
23 Arab state (7)

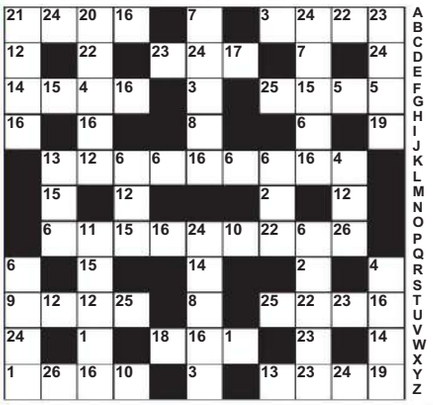
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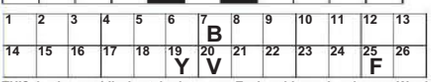
1 Adored (8)
2 Musical instrument (8)
3 So be it (4)
4 Plant attracting felines (6)
5 Army rank (8)
6 Carte du jour (4)
7 In this place (4)
13 Impressive manner (8)
14 Curved weapon (8)
15 Raging Iliad hero (8)
18 Nocturnal mammal (6)
19 Preliminary contest (4)
20 Recording medium (4)
21 Ignore (4)

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Find seven words relating to the home. Words can run forwards, backwards or diagonally. Solution below.

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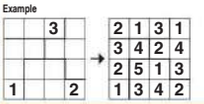
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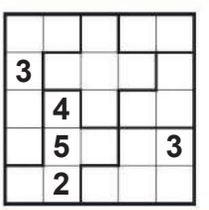
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Example





THE NAME GAME

EACH clue leads to a well-known name. Put the initials or stated letters in the appropriate squares to identify a weather presenter:

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9

4 & 7	Late TLC singer nicknamed "Left Eye"
2	Surname of Allen, basketball star known as "The Answer"
1 & 6	Margaret Thatcher's chief press secretary
8 & 5	Actress and socialite sister of Zsa Zsa and Magda
9 & 3	The primary creative director of the Marvel Universe until his death in 2018

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SUNDIAL



SEE how many words of four or more letters you can "dial" using the one at the centre in each word. You can make at least one word using all of them. Don't use the letters more than once in any word. No proper names or plurals.

Words from Collins Concise Dictionary.

BRILLIANT: 38. EXCELLENT: 32. GOOD: 23. GREAT SCORE FOR KIDS: 18.

YESTERDAY: Able, abler, anew, bale, baleen, bane, bare, bean, bear, been, beer, beware, blare, blew, brew, earl, earn, elan, enable, erne, ewer, lane, lean, leaner, learn, leer, near, newer, real, rebel, reel, renal, renew, renewal, wane, warble, ware, weal, wean, wear, were, wren, RENEWABLE.

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Starting at the left with the number provided, work your way across the three lines one at a time, applying all the mathematical instructions to your running total. Don't reach for your calculator – that would be cheating! Write your final answer in the last box of the line. You should be aiming to complete each round in about 30 seconds. Good luck! Answers below, right.

BEGINNER **84**	+ 286	Half of it	+ 163	÷ 12	- 19	× 8	+ 224	÷ 4	- 37	ANSWER
INTERMEDIATE **81**	÷ 9	× 10	+ 238	÷ 8	- 39	× 11	+ 334	Half of it	- 79	ANSWER
ADVANCED **718**	+ 1753	2/7 of it	- 598	÷ 3	Square root of it	× 13	+ 3712	20% of it	- 329	ANSWER

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Teaser

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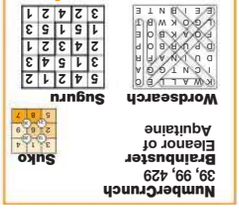
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7 4 6	2 8 3	5 9 1
5 3 1	6 9 7	2 4 8
8 2 9	1 5 4	6 7 3

Two-Speed Crossword

ACROSS: 1 As-hen, 4 Cas-cad-e, 8 A-mne-sia, 9 I-deal, 10 En-visa-g-ed, 11 Top, 12 B-arm-an, 14 Be-liz-e, 17 Arc, 19 Do-o-little, 22 Bream (Julian), 23 Lowered, 24 Ex-pans-e, 25 No-mad.
DOWN: 1 Adage, 2 Han(g)over, 3 Nes-t-s, 4 Change, 5 Swin-d-l-e, 6 A-dept, 7 E-clips-e, 12 B-ramble, 13 Ab-do-men, 15 Interim, 16 Coll-i-e, 18 Cheap, 20 Iowan, 21 End-ed.

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£ BREWERS have warned there could be shortages of beer this Christmas if the CO_2 crisis is not solved. The British Beer and Pub Association say prices of the gas — needed to pump beer and add fizz — have risen tenfold as there is not enough UK supply.



DIY star . . . Kimberley helps promote Wickes

SHOP PROFITS TAKE A HIT

SHOPPERS are tightening their belts ahead of a harsh winter – leading businesses to warn their profits will be under pressure.

Sofa retailer **DFS** posted a 45 per cent drop in annual profits to £58.5million – despite sales rising by 8.5 per cent to £1.14billion – as it faced a steep jump in costs. The retailer said recent furniture orders had "softened markedly" compared with pre-pandemic levels.

David Wood, boss of DIY chain **WICKES**, which recently enlisted Kimberley Walsh and Rochelle Humes to appeal to more female customers, also said sales had "softened" in recent weeks. Shares in **HILTON FOODS,** which supplies Tesco and other British supermarkets, lost more than a quarter of their value as the business warned profits would be lower this year.

Fashion giant **H&M** also reported lower-than-expected sales.

SAWAN TO BE SHELL NEW No1

OIL giant SHELL has named a renewable energy veteran as its new boss to replace Ben van Beurden, who is stepping down after almost a decade.

Wael Sawan will take over as chief executive of the £171billion company in the midst of an energy crisis while Shell attempts to shift away from fossil fuels.

Mr van Beurden became chief executive in 2014 and has been paid around £70million in that time. He oversaw the company's biggest takeover to date and dealt with two major oil downturns.

But he sparked outrage last month after saying that only a miracle could help consumers with their soaring energy bills.

Analysts believe that Mr Sawan, who used to head Shell's oil and gas production business and now oversees its low-carbon energies and giant gas business, will not radically alter the company's strategy.

Mr Sawan's pay will not be disclosed until next March.

SHARES

BARCLAYS
up 2.34 to 172.24
BP
down 5.75 to 456.55
CENTRICA
down 0.58 to 81.82
HSBC
up 10.8 to 529.7
LLOYDS
up 1.41 to 47.62
MARKS & SPENCER
down 4.45 to 115.75
NATWEST
up 4.5 to 274.2
ROYAL MAIL
down 1.5 to 249.9
SAINSBURY'S
down 1.2 to 201.7
SHELL
down 26.5 to 2314.5
TESCO
down 5.3 to 232

BP £1.2BN IN RUSSIA

BP could still net over £1billion from Russia after the Kremlin's state-owned oil producer ROSNEFT posted a 13 per cent rise in half-year profits to £6.3billion despite sanctions.

The British oil firm still owns almost a fifth of Rosneft, despite saying in February that it would sell it, and is entitled to a £1.2billion dividend out of the £6.4billion Rosneft is paying investors for the second half of the year. But it can only be paid to BP if the Kremlin approves it.

THG TO OMG!



Fight . . THG's shirtless pic-loving founder Matt Moulding

ONLINE retailer THG's horror show continues, as shares sank after it posted bigger losses and slashed forecasts for the year.

Half-year losses widened from £17million to £89million, while earnings also fell by 60 per cent to £32.3million.

THG blamed the soaring price of whey, used in its MyProtein powders, and higher transport costs.

The business, which had billed itself as fast-growing, also slashed yearly growth forecasts in half.

Shares at one point fell to a record low of 41p, valuing THG at just £600million, 92 per cent below what investors paid at its listing two years ago. In 2020 private equity firm **KKR** dumped all of its shares for £448million, quadrupling profits.

Manchester's THG was floated by founder Matt Moulding, 50, for £5.4billion. Excitement about an online shopping boom and potential deal with Japan's **SOFTBANK** pushed shares higher, triggering an £850million payday for Moulding.

Since then the online bubble has burst, investors have turned their backs on loss-making tech firms and SoftBank abandoned its interest. Three months ago THG's board rejected two £2billion takeover bids as "unacceptable".

Both were by pals of Moulding, with one from Brit property tycoon Nick Candy and the other a firm managed by Iain McDonald, who also has a seat on the board.

Moulding told analysts yesterday if THG received bids now "the answer could be different". He has previously said taking the company public "sucked from start to finish".

THG also announced that two directors are departing.

Zillah Byng-Thorne, boss of **FUTURE** publishing, and Andreas Hansson, a SoftBank representative, are being replaced by Dean Moore, a director at bankrupt **CINEWORLD**, and Gillian Kent, a director at funeral business **DIGNITY**.

Analysts at **DAVY** said THG had to overhaul its cost base.

HUT GROUP SHARES DIP TO NEW LOW

BLOW FOR J. LEWIS'S BONUSES

JOHN LEWIS has warned that staff are likely to miss out on their prized bonus after it reported a near £100million loss.

The department store and grocery chain said that unless trading "substantially" perks up it would not make enough profit to justify the annual payouts.

It would be only the second time the bonus has been axed since World War 2.

Its department stores' sales rose by 3 per cent to £2.1billion as shoppers refreshed their wardrobes after lockdowns, but sales of furniture and electronics declined.

Sales at John Lewis-owned WAITROSE fell by 5 per cent to £3.6billion as the food frenzy of the pandemic calmed and shoppers tightened their belts. Its cheaper Essentials range is now Waitrose's top-selling line.

John Lewis's chairman, Dame Sharon White, said the group was "forgoing" profit to invest in support for its staff, including a £500 cost-of-living bonus this winter, a 2 per cent pay rise and free food.

John Lewis said that its total support equalled £45million, while this year's 3 per cent bonus had cost £46million.



Gear . . . firm's outdoor wear

IT'S ALL PATA-GONE-IA

THE founder of outdoor clothing firm **PATAGONIA** is giving his entire £2.6billion company away to charity.

American Yvon Chouinard, 83, announced he would transfer his family's ownership to a charitable trust that would ensure profits will be donated to tackling climate change.

In a letter Mr Chouinard, *right*, who started the business making climbing gear for himself and friends, said: "I never wanted to be a businessman."

He said a stock listing of the brand, which makes £1billion in sales a year, would have been "a disaster" and added: "Earth is now our only shareholder."

Jobspot

DYSON is hiring for a range of roles including a grounds-maintenance operative, building services manager and operations manager. See jobs.thesun.co.uk/company/dyson-2

Sunemployment



Edited by Jane Hamilton

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KNOW YOUR HOL RIGHTS

THE extra bank holiday for the Queen's state funeral has seen thousands of employers scramble for legal advice.

HR expert Kate Palmer, from Peninsula, says bosses should "consider what they can do to help acknowledge employees' rights and pay respect".

Here she sets out what both you and your employer need to know . . .

1. **There is no statutory right to a day off but bosses should treat it the same as any other extra bank holiday.**
2. **Employers can offer a day of paid leave, or have people book it off. But government guidance encourages them to be sensitive to requests for the day itself off.**



EXPERT . . . Kate Palmer

3. **Firms based in London, such as hotel, transport and florist businesses, could be extremely busy on the day itself. Employers may have to look at a temporary freeze on annual leave, and consider enhanced overtime rates for workers.**
4. **If you normally work in London but can do your job from home, employers should consider this due to transport issues.**
5. **Open businesses don't *have* to show the funeral on TV. But employees may want to watch it.**
6. **Not everyone will be fans of the Royal Ramily. Ensure that employees respect colleagues' differing views.**

Jobspot

STEPHEN'S BAKERY chain needs 19 new starters, with roles ranging from retail staff and delivery drivers to electrical engineers. For details, search at jobs.steakbridie.com

AO TURNS ON GAS

APPLIANCES retailer ao.com has launched a new scheme to train current employees and contracted delivery drivers as gas engineers.

The firm is offering fully funded apprenticeships leading to the Level 3 qualification, meaning drivers can safely install appliances in customers' homes.

The 16-week fast-track course offers online and classroom teaching, as well as on-the-road experience.

Lynne Wood, Director of Service Delivery at AO Logistics, said: "Many of our contracted drivers and electrical installers have jumped at the chance to train in gas, and I'm so pleased we can support their future careers."

Apply for jobs at ao-jobs.com.

SNAP SITE ALERT

STAFF are being warned against using new social media sensation BeReal at work – as they could face the sack.

Users are given a two-minute window to upload a selfie to the platform once every day.

But it is feared it would be easy for employees to accidentally capture in the image some sensitive information from emails, Zoom calls or the office background.

Jayne Harrison, head of employment law at Richard Nelson LLP, says: "You could be breaching company rules by sharing information on your laptop screen, even if it's just in the background of a photo.

"Companies will often regard any breach as serious. Your actions could warrant dismissal for gross misconduct."



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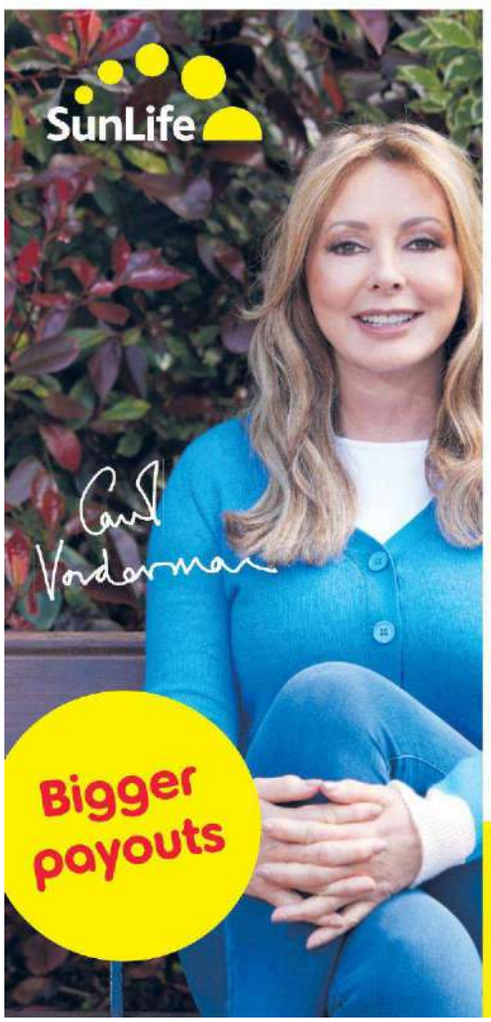
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NEWTON ABBOT

GOOD TO SOFT (SOFT)

TEMPLEGATE

1.35 ... Mr Yeats
2.10 ... Bagheera Ginge
2.45 ... Mascat
3.20 ... Lady Jane P
3.55 ... Benandgone
4.30 ... Miss Jeanne Moon
5.00 ... Letterston Lady

TOM PEPPER

1.35 ... Mr Yeats
2.10 ... Time Flies By
2.45 ... Byzantine Empire
3.20 ... Lady Jane P
3.55 ... Millies Mite (nb)
4.30 ... Minella Voucher
5.00 ... Charming Berry

■TIC-TAC: Left-handed flat, tight track of 1m, seven fences per circuit and a run-in of 300 yards. ■LEADING TRAINERS (2017-2022): F O'Brien 27-103, D Pipe 19-141, N Mulholland 12-96, M Harris 11-57. THIS SEASON: J Tizzard 9, D Pipe 6, F O'Brien 6. ■TOP JOCKEYS (2017-2022): T J O'Brien 21-92, T Scudamore 17-153, S Twiston-Davies 14-94, S Bowen 14-77. THIS SEASON: P Armson 5, B J Powell 5, T Scudamore 4. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Millies Mite (3.55) trained at Sittingbourne. Round trip of 454 miles. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: Opening Bid (3.55). ■LIVE ON SKY SPORTS RACING

1.35 CONDITIONAL HANDICAP HURDLE (Class 4); £4,302; 3m 3f. (7 runners)

1 -232 **ART OF ILLUSION 24 (P)** W Greatrex 5-12-0 **C Quinn (6)**
2 3231 **MR YEATS 11 (P;CD)** M Harris 5-12-0(7ex).. **B Harris (8)**
3 3224 **BEN LILLY 81 (B)** D Pipe 5-11-13 ... **F Gillard (3)**
4 2124 **JONY MAX 18 (T)** C Williams 7-11-13 ... **E Collier (8)**
5 -397 **ESPINATOR 49 (CD)** A Wintle 8-11-8 ... **K Brogan**
6 1172 **BALLYMILAN 24 (P)** N Mulholland 7-11-7. **T Doggrell (6)**
7 2PP- **HO QUE OUI 220** A Dunn 5-11-2 ... **P Armson**
Mr Yeats ●99, Art Of Illusion 98, Espinator 97.
6-5 Mr Yeats, 4 Art Of Illusion, 5 Ballymilan, Jony Max, Ben Lilly

2.10 NOVICE HURDLE (4); winner £4,084; 2m 6f. (9 runners)

1 2132 **TIGER ORCHID 29** R Newland 7-11-7 ... **Doubtful**
2 321 **BAGHEERA GINGE 25** N Twiston-D 4-11-4.. **S Twiston-D**
3 12-U **HARLEM SOUL 13** S Hosie 4-11-4 ... **J Best**
4 51-P **COME ON PADDY MAC 128 (P★)** L Young 6-11-0 **M Bastyan**
5 5/4- **LUNCHABLE BOB 461** P Henderson 7-11-0 .... **T O'Brien**
6 -F34 **SEPARATE WAYS 74** D Brace 6-11-0 ... **Doubtful**
7 92/F **TIME FLIES BY 49** N Henderson 7-11-0 ... **J O'Neill Jr**
8 F3- **DAN DALY 180** C Williams 4-10-11 ... **J Tudor**
9 5-P **SANS OF GOLD 137** J Frost 4-10-11 ... **A Cheleda (5)**
Time Flies By ●99, Bagheera Ginge 95, Harlem Soul 92.
15-8 Time Flies By, 9-4 Bagheera Ginge, 11-4 Harlem Soul, 20 Dan Daly, Lunchable Bob

2.45 NOVICE CHASE (3); winner £6,535; 2m. (4 runners)

1 -112 **BYZANTINE EMPIRE 17 (T;BF,D)** F O'Brien 5-12-0 **J Hogan (7)**
2 F14- **GENI DE LA COUR 153** S Hosie 6-11-4 ... **J Best**
3 8-12 **MASCAT F18 (P★,T★;BF)** J Tizzard 5-11-4 ... **B Powell**
4 1117 **NOAHTHIRTYTWORED F22 (T)** A West 6-11-4... **L Edwards**
Byzantine Empire ●99, Mascat 98, Noahthirtytwored 89.
4-5 Byzantine Empire, 15-8 Mascat, 6 Geni De La Cour

3.20 MARES NOVICE HURDLE (4); winner £4,084; 2m 1f. (8 runners)

1 40-3 **DIV INE TARA 16** F O'Brien 7-11-0 ... **C Brace**
2 F- **KAY'S LIGHT 175** P Henderson 5-11-0 ... **T O'Brien**
3 223- **LADY JANE P 245 (D)** A Wintle 6-11-0 ... **B Poste**
4 34 **MAIRE'S DREAM 24** O Murphy 5-11-0 ... **S Bowen**
5 P6 **MARTHA BURELL 98** J Du Plessis 7-11-0... **H Kimber (5)**
6 319- **NIFTY GETAWAY 188** A Watson 6-11-0 ... **G Sheehan**
7 R36 **WRAP YOUR WINGS 27** J Frost 7-11-0 ... **J Best**
8 1- **YA KNOW YASEFF 180** D Pipe 5-11-0 ... **T Scudamore**
Lady Jane P ●99, Nifty Getaway 96, Marie's Dream 90.
15-8 Lady Jane P, 9-4 Nifty Getaway, 11-4 Ya Know Yaseff

3.55 HANDICAP HURDLE (5); winner £2,941; 2m 1f. (10 runners)

1 636- **OPENING BID 148 (H;CD)** C Down 7-12-2 ... **J Davies**
2 24-2 **BENANDGONE 134** B Barr 5-12-0 ... **T Doggrell (7)**
3 2438 **KOLISI 24 (T,V)** D Pipe 4-11-11 ... **T Scudamore**
4 1122 **APPRECIATE F34 (T;BF,CD)** M Harris 4-11-11 **M Bastyan**
5 26-F **GAVIN F45 (H)** J Ponting 4-11-8 ... **D Burton (5)**
6 4P-6 **BEGIN THE LUCK 116 (H)** B Barr 6-11-4... **A Cheleda (5)**
7 -BP3 **MILLIES MITE 29 (T)** J Best & K Jewell 6-10-12. **T Cannon**
8 6F5- **GOOD IMPRESSION F22** B Llewellyn 7-10-8 ... **B Jones**
9 8-31 **CANAL ROCKS F45 (P,T)** B Llewellyn 6-10-2 **C Price (3)**
10 P796 **TIFFANY ROSE 13 (H)** R Stephens 6-10-2 ... **S Houlihan**
Canal Rocks ●99, Appreciate 98, Benandgone 97.
5-2 Appreciate, 9-2 Canal Rocks, 11-2 Benandgone, 13-2 Millies Mite, 7 Kolisi, 10 Gavin, 12 Begin The Luck

4.30 HANDICAP CHASE (4); winner £4,357; 3m 2f. (7 runners)

1 P-22 **L'AIR DU VENT 29 (P,T)** J Tizzard 8-12-2 ... **B Powell**
2 5143 **AYE AYE CHARLIE 23** C Williams 10-11-13... **E Collier (7)**
3 6663 **D'JANGO 17 (B,T)** D Pipe 9-11-12 ... **T Scudamore**
4 FP5- **THE COMPOSEUR 230** Jonjo O'Neill 7-11-11 **J O'Neill Jr**
5 2-23 **MISS JEANNE MOON 29 (BF)** N Mulholland 8-11-11. **S Twist-D**
6 2241 **MINELLA VOUCHER 11 (CD)** A Dunn 11-10-7 **T Wynne (7)**
7 38P2 **JOEY STEEL 11 (CD)** C Williams 9-10-7 ... **J Tudor**
L'Air Du Vent ●99, Minella Voucher 98, Aye Aye Charlie 97.
5-2 Minella Voucher, 7-2 Joey Steel, 11-2 Miss Jeanne Moon, 6 Aye Aye Charlie, 13-2 L'Air Du Vent, 7 D'jango

5.00 NAT HUNT FLAT (5); winner £2,722; 2m 1f. (6 runners)

1 5-P2 **EIRE STREET 68** T Gallagher 5-11-0 **Mr J Reddington (7)**
2 **ALWAYS BUSY** C Williams 4-10-12 ... **J Tudor**
3 2 **CHARMING BERRY 116** A French 4-10-12 ... **J Quinlan**
4 **COMME SEA COMME CA** R Bandey 4-10-12. **H Bannister**
5 3-21 **LETTERSTON LADY 24** P Bowen 4-10-12 ... **S Bowen**
6 F- **BELLISSIMO MILAN 156** N Mitchell 6-10-7 **F Lambert (7)**
Eire Street ●99, Letterston Lady 98, Charming Berry 90.
6-4 Eire Street, 15-8 Letterston Lady, 4 Charming Berry

RACING LEAGUE FINAL GOES WEST

BORNE WINNER

Super Saffie the Sand stormer

By TOM PEPPER

JOCKEY Saffie Osborne stole the show as Wales and the West wrapped up Racing League honours at Newcastle.

Osborne notched a huge 6,500-1 treble on the final night of the competition to seal the top jockey award and a £20,000 prize.

The 20-year-old got off the mark on Tregony before firing in 40-1 shot Raising Sand for her dad Jamie and 28-1 stunner Billy Mill.

A delighted Osborne said: "I'm a bit shocked. Sometimes you just get a bit of luck like this – I've never even ridden a treble before so to get a £20,000 bonus on top of that is quite nice!"

There was a late bid for victory from the East team on the night as they bagged a double with True Courage and Never Just A Dream.

But it was London and the South, captained by Sun Racing's Matt Chapman, who would feel hard done by after leading the standings going into the evening. They could manage just one winner with Temple Bruer.

Defeat was hard to take for Chapman who has been embroiled in a bitter feud with Wales and West captain Jamie Osborne.

Osborne said: "Matt has been consistently very smug and very noisy.

"We just played our best cards on the night simply to annoy him."



SAND 'N DELIVER . . . Raising Sand

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GOING: STANDARD TO SLOW

4.40 NOVICE STAKES (Class 5); winner £3,672; 1m. (14 runners)

1 (2) 3-6 **MUTALAAQY 13** A Carson 4-9-8 ... **J Quinn**
2 (3) **ALNILAM** C Appleby 3-9-4 ... **R Kingscote**
3 (6) 00 **ASTRONOMIC 22 (B,T)** D Holland 3-9-4 ... **J Haynes**
4 (7) 4 **CENTRAL HALL 22** S & E Crisford 3-9-4 ... **J Mitchell**
5 (10) 73 **JACK SPAROWE 23 (H)** J Butler 3-9-4 ... **G Wood**
6 (13) 5- **MELFET 275** J & T Gosden 3-9-4 ... **R Havlin**
7 (12) 52 **REGAL RAMBLER 22** B Meehan 3-9-4 ... **G Rooke**
8 (4) 9 **ROARING RIVER 22** C'bous/C'buck 3-9-4 **T Hammer H**
9 (14) **CENDRILLON** M Crawley 4-9-3 ... **C Noble**
10 (1) 4 **BIBURYINMAY 37** J Gallagher 3-8-13 ... **N Currie**
11 (5) **BLUE DAISY** G Boughey 3-8-13 ... **P Cosgrave**
12 (8) 5-8 **MUMINAMILLION 14** R Teal 3-8-13 ... **F Larson (5)**
13 (11) 36 **PINK HAZE 14** D Simcock 3-8-13 ... **D Hogan**
14 (9) 8 **QUEEN OF IPANEMA 13** G Boughey 3-8-13 **E Walsh**
Regal Rambler ●99, Central Hall 91, Melfet 84.
4 Regal Rambler, 9-2 Central Hall, 11-2 Alnilam, 13-2 Melfet

5.10 NOVICE STAKES (4); winner £5,346; 1m 4f. (11 runners)

1 (8) **FLOY JOY J100** S Pearce 6-9-11 ... **J Haynes**
2 (1) 556- **GALILEO IMPACT 426** Sir M Prescott 4-9-6 **T Hammer H**
3 (3) 56 **BYKER 49** R Hannon 3-9-4 ... **S Hitchcott**
4 (10) **COURAGE MON AMI** J & T Gosden 3-9-4 ... **R Havlin**
5 (6) 73 **STAR LEGEND 16** W Haggas 3-9-4 ... **S Donohoe**
6 (2) 5 **STONKING 21** H Main 3-9-4 ... **J Bryan**
7 (4) 9 **TRADESMAN 49** D Simcock 3-9-4 ... **P Cosgrave**
8 (5) 95 **WANNABE BRAVE 16** J Fanshawe 3-9-4 **B Sayette (3)**
9 (9) 32 **FIREBOLT 32** M Bell 3-8-13 ... **C Fallon**
10 (7) 3224 **HEXAMETER 20** R Varian 3-8-13 ... **J Mitchell**
11 (11) 9- **READY TO SHINE 332** S & E Crisford 3-8-13 **R Kingscote**
Hexameter ●99, Star Legend 96, Byker 91.
2 Hexameter, 4 Star Legend, 11-2 Byker, 6 Courage Mon Ami

5.45 NURSERY HANDICAP (6); 2-y-o; winner £2,916; 7f. (14 runners)

1 (9) 0231 **MENALIPPE 10 (D)** J Ferguson 9-13(6ex) **T Fisher (7)**
2 (13) 678 **LOVE GETAWAY 39** R Varian 9-9 ... **J Mitchell**
3 (1) 9563 **LA MIA DUTCHESSA 28** D Loughnane 9-9. **S Cherchi (3)**
4 (3) 6426 **ROWDOWN ROZA 4** M Usher 9-8 ... **C Bennett**
5 (4) 874 **STINTINO SUNSET 23** J Feilden 9-8 ... **D Hogan**
6 (11) 8663 **WILDE AND DANDY 44** M Bell 9-7 ... **N Callan**
7 (12) 070 **CLASSIC ORDER 15 (B★)** R Beckett 9-6 .. **H Crouch**
8 (2) 958 **UNION JOY 35** H Palmer 9-1 ... **C Fallon**
9 (14) 0672 **BELLA KOPELLA 14** N Tinkler 8-13 ... **Doubtful**
10 (5) 9667 **LOOE P LOOE 14 (B★)** R Hannon 8-13.... **S Hitchcott**
11 (8) 880 **MR POSTMAN 105** A West 8-12 ... **T Ladd**
12 (6) 880 **GOBLET OF FIRE 20** N Tinkler 8-12 ... **A Jary (7)**
13 (7) 980 **BAILEYS SHOWTIME 31 (B★)** A Murphy 8-12 **T Hammer H**
14 (10) 0743 **DRUM BRAE BOY 14** R Eddery 8-12 ... **F Larson (5)**
Menalippe ●99, Wilde And Dandy 98, Drum Brae Boy 97.
5-2 Menalippe, 9-2 Drum Brae Boy, La Mia Dutchessa, 11-2 Rowdown Roza, 8 Stintino Sunset, Wilde And Dandy

6.15 NOVICE STAKES (5); winner £3,672; 6f. (12 runners)

1 (9) 1 **SOLAR ORBITER 14 (D)** R Varian 3-9-11 .... **J Mitchell**
2 (7) **ANGEL OF TRAFALGAR** T Clover 3-9-4 ... **R Havlin**
3 (4) **BOARHUNT** M Appleby 3-9-4 ... **T Ladd**
4 (5) 75 **FISCAL POLICY 10 (T)** D & C Kubler 3-9-4.. **D Hogan**
5 (8) 8 **IMPRINT 23** M Rimell 3-9-4 ... **R Clutterbuck (3)**
6 (12) 69 **LORD STREET 23 (P★)** R Teal 3-9-4 ... **F Larson (5)**
7 (1) 70- **ROBS SECRET 300** G Moore 3-9-4 ... **T Queally**
8 (3) **SPIRIT OF CAHALA** R Teal 3-9-4 ... **S Kelly**
9 (11) 94 **WOE BETIDE 25** J Boyle 3-9-4 ... **J Egan**
10 (6) 8-0 **BLACKBIRD POWER 23 (H★)** A Balding 3-8-13 **J Watson**
11 (10) **PUSSYCAT EYES** S & E Crisford 3-8-13 **R Kingscote**
12 (2) 22 **SHIN SAW GYI 232** G Scott 3-8-13 ... **B Sayette (3)**
Solar Orbiter ●99, Shin Saw Gyi 97, Woe Betide 78.
4-5 Solar Orbiter, 9-4 Shin Saw Gyi, 11-2 Pussycat Eyes

6.45 HANDICAP (5); winner £3,996; 7f. (11 runners)

1 (6) 7982 **GLOBAL WARNING 34 (BF,D)** J Butler 6-10-2 **G Wood**
2 (2) 6509 **FULL INTENTION 23 (CD)** S Pearce 8-10-1 **J Mitchell**
3 (10) 3155 **GRANARY QUEEN 25 (D)** E J-Houghton 4-10-0 **G Dobie (3)**
4 (11) 6623 **PRENUP 39 (BF)** H Morrison 3-9-13 ... **B Sayette (3)**
5 (1) 2364 **DION BAKER 21 (P)** M Wigham 3-9-13 ... **P Cosgrave**
6 (8) 4321 **FALESIA BEACH 18 (D)** J Portman 3-9-10 **R Clutterbuck (3)**
7 (4) 6795 **MUMAYAZ 14 (D)** M Loughnane 3-9-6. **R Kingscote**
8 (7) 4100 **MUST BE ROYALE 19 (D)** M Appleby 4-9-6 **J Watson**
9 (5) 5329 **UNSUNG HERO 15** H Main 3-9-5 ... **C Fallon**
10 (9) 2708 **TWILIGHT REVENGE 49 (H)** M Usher 3-9-1. **C Bennett**
11 (3) 88-5 **HINES 118** A West 3-9-0 ... **J Haynes**
Prenup ●99, Global Warning 98, Falesia Beach 97.
9-4 Global Warning, 4 Falesia Beach, 11-2 Prenup, 10 Granary Queen, 12 Must Be Royale, Hines, Mumayaz, 14 Full Intention

TEMPLEGATE

4.40 ... Central Hall
5.10 ... Hexameter
5.45 ... La Mia Dutchessa
6.15 ... Solar Orbiter
6.45 ... Global Warning
7.15 ... Mukha Magic
7.45 ... Plastic Paddy
8.15 ... Arab Cinder

TOM PEPPER

4.40 ... Regal Rambler
5.10 ... Courage Mon Ami
5.45 ... Drum Brae Boy
6.15 ... Solar Orbiter
6.45 ... Falesia Beach
7.15 ... Mountain Road
7.45 ... Plastic Paddy
8.15 ... Rose Camira

■TIC-TAC: R-H Polytrack AW course. 1m round with tight turns and a 3f run-in. ■DRAW: No advantage. ■LEADING TRAINERS (2017-2022): J & T Gosden 85-372, R Varian 71-298, A Balding 64-427. THIS SEASON: C Appleby 12, R Varian 10, M Appleby 10. ■TOP JOCKEYS (2017-2022): R Havlin 67-444, R Kingscote 66-454, J Mitchell 49-356. THIS SEASON: R Kingscote 17, J Mitchell 8. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Pons Aelius (7.15) & Cabinet Maker (7.45) trained at Middleham. 490 miles. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: Floy Joy (5.10). ■LIVE ON RACING TV

7.15 HANDICAP (4); winner £5,616; 2m. (10 runners)

1 (9) 2111 **MUKHA MAGIC 22 (B,T;D)** G Kelleway 6-10-2 **T Fisher (7)**
2 (7) 6016 **SMART CHAMPION 44 (H;D)** D Simcock 7-10-2 **S Osborne (3)**
3 (5) 21P8 **PHOENIX AQUILUS 14 (D)** S Durack 5-10-1 **P Cosgrave**
4 (10) 1146 **SEVEN POCKETS 22 (BF,C)** R Varian 5-10-1 **J Mitchell**
5 (6) 2155 **HIGH WELLS 35 (V;CD)** F O'Brien 8-10-0 ... **G Rooke**
6 (1) 2245 **ARABESCATO 12 (D)** J Butler 5-9-13 ... **N Callan**
7 (3) 437 **LUTTRELL LAD 49 (P★)** P Hobbs 6-9-13... **T Queally**
8 (4) 1223 **PONS AELIUS 13** C & M Johnston 3-9-5 ... **F Norton**
9 (2) -645 **GENERAL ZOFF 14 (D)** Muir/Grassick 7-9-3 **S Cherchi (3)**
10 (8) 3422 **MOUNTAIN ROAD 9 (H)** D Simcock 3-9-3 **S Donohoe**
Mukha Magic ●99, Smart Champion 98, Mountain Road 97.
9-4 Mukha Magic, 5 Seven Pockets, 11-2 Mountain Road, 7 Pons Aelius, 8 Luttrell Lad, 10 Smart Champion, Arabescato

7.45 HANDICAP (5); winner £3,996; 1m. (14 runners)

1 (14) 5511 **PLASTIC PADDY 8 (D)** M Appleby 4-10-2(5ex) **F Larson (5)**
2 (11) 7892 **MILLTOWN STAR 18** J Osborne 5-9-11 **S Osborne (3)**
3 (7) 3155 **ALPHA KING 21** C'bous/C'buck 4-9-10... **P Cosgrave**
4 (10) 3-46 **TARAVARA 15** S Pearce 4-9-10 ... **J Mitchell**
5 (4) 7440 **RAQRAAQ 86** P Chamings 4-9-8 ... **C Fallon**
6 (6) 4753 **LOVE DREAMS 40 (D)** M Blake 8-9-8 ... **H Crouch**
7 (1) 1510 **CABINET MAKER 13 (CD)** C & M Johnston 3-9-7 **R Kingscote**
8 (2) 4462 **DUBAI IMMO 28 (P,T)** M Botti 3-9-7 ... **S Cherchi (3)**
9 (13) -426 **SWASHBUCKLER 57** T Lacey 3-9-6 ... **R Havlin**
10 (9) 4418 **SNAPCRACKLEPOP 15 (D)** Muir/Grassick 3-9-6 **B Sayette (3)**
11 (8) 6683 **VITALLINE 16 (P;C)** K Burke 4-9-5 ... **T Greatrex**
12 (12) 1924 **KING CABO 31 (H;CD)** L Dace 3-9-5 ... **C Bennett**
13 (5) 1569 **DYNAKITE 41 (CD)** L Carter 4-9-5 ... **N Currie**
14 (3) -749 **PIFFLE 41** E Walker 3-9-4 ... **G Downing**
Plastic Paddy ●99, Dubai Immo 98, Cabinet Maker 97.
3 Plastic Paddy, 6 Milltown Star, Dubai Immo, Cabinet Maker

8.15 HANDICAP (6); winner £2,916; 1m 3f. (14 runners)

1 (2) 5647 **CULTURE J73 (CD)** T Ward 6-10-0 ... **H Crouch**
2 (1) 1-66 **ALICE KITTY 38 (T)** M Crawley 4-9-12 ... **C Noble**
3 (4) 4584 **ARAB CINDER 31** W Knight 3-9-9 ... **H Turner**
4 (13) 6645 **VELVET AND STEEL 16** P Chamings 4-9-8 **C Bennett**
5 (12) 6546 **QEYAADY 17** P Phelan 4-9-8 ... **J Egan**
6 (6) 4545 **BIG WING 32** L Carter 5-9-7 ... **E Jones (7)**
7 (8) 5436 **ROLYPOLYMOLY J16** A West 3-9-7 ... **R Havlin**
8 (7) 77-0 **SAUSALITO 18** G Moore 3-9-7 ... **T Queally**
9 (9) 7753 **ROSE CAMIRA 22 (BF)** C Wall 3-9-7 ... **N Callan**
10 (5) 3366 **KING OF THE KIPPAX 29** M Bell 3-9-6 ... **D Hogan**
11 (3) 3260 **GOLDSMITH 55 (H;BF)** D Menuisier 3-9-5 **B Sayette (3)**
12 (11) 4135 **OVERSTATE 41 (V)** Murphy/Keady 3-9-4 **T Fisher (7)**
13 (14) -934 **SHOWMAN 20** H Morrison 3-9-3 ... **R Kingscote**
14 (10) 4368 **BLENHEIM BELLE 46 (P★)** T Ward 3-9-2.. **J Mitchell**
Rolypolymoly ●99, Big Wing 98, Goldsmith 97.
9-2 Arab Cinder, 5 Rose Camira, 6 Goldsmith, Rolypolymoly

NEWBURY

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES)

1.07 BRITISH STALLION STUDS MAIDEN (DIV 1) (Class 4); 2-y-o; value to the winner £5,400; 6f. (16 runners)

1 (13) 6 **AJJAJ 21** R Hannon 9-7 ... **Pat Dobbs 92**
2 (7) 0 **ALASKAN 32 (T)** C Hills 9-7 ... **Rob Hornby 74**
3 (16) 74 **DANCE ACCLAIM 20** E J-Houghton 9-7 ... **Charles Bishop 83**
4 (11) 46 **DANCING GYPSY 14** J O'Shea 9-7 ... **Gina Mangan (5) 80**
5 (9) **EL HABANO** W Muir & C Grassick 9-7 ... **Hollie Doyle —**
6 (14) 88 **ENGELBERT 20 (T)** J Ferguson 9-7 ... **Daniel Muscutt 72**
7 (1) 59260 **KESSAAR POWER 20** J Moore 9-7 ... **Tom Marquand ●99**
8 (4) 2 **LAJOOJE 22** O Burrows 9-7 ... **Ryan Moore 98**
9 (5) 97 **RAJWAAN 28** A Balding 9-7 ... **David Probert 81**
10 (12) 75 **RED FORT 15** R Hannon 9-7 ... **Callum Shepherd 85**
11 (8) 6 **TAFREEJ 15** W Haggas 9-7 ... **Jim Crowley 92**
12 (10) **TOUGH ENOUGH (H★)** J Tate 9-7 ... **Rossa Ryan —**
13 (2) 3 **VERDANSK 78** C Cox 9-7 ... **Adam Kirby 97**
14 (3) 59 **WADI BANI 52** S Durack 9-7 ... **Doubtful 71**
15 (6) **MANY RIVERS** S Kirk 9-2 ... **Dane O'Neill —**
16 (15) **ON THE OTHER HAND** J Fox 9-2 ... **Liam Keniry —**
BETTING: 3 Lajooje, 8 Dance Acclaim, 11 Dancing Gypsy, 14 Kessaar Power, Ajjaj
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 4 0 2 3 2
2021: Deodar 9-5 Rob Hornby 12-1 (R Beckett) drawn 10, 11 ran.

1.43 BRITISH STALLION STUDS MAIDEN (DIV 2) (4); 2-y-o; value to the winner £5,400; 6f. (16 runners)

1 (1) 92 **ACAI 15** C Cox 9-7 ... **Adam Kirby 95**
2 (2) **BE FRANK** H Candy 9-7 ... **Dane O'Neill —**
3 (7) **CALYPSO** J Ferguson 9-7 ... **Daniel Muscutt —**
4 (9) 84 **DARK TROOPER 28** E Walker 9-7 ... **David Egan 90**
5 (14) **DROPSKIPANDUMP** P Crate 9-7 ... **Shane Kelly 70**
6 (4) 0 **FAST TREK 20** A Balding 9-7 ... **David Probert 77**
7 (8) 653 **FIERCE 16** G Moore 9-7 ... **Jim Crowley 91**
8 (16) **MUY MUY GUAPO** J Boyle 9-7 ... **Callum Shepherd —**
9 (5) 3 **PASPALEY 14** W Haggas 9-7 ... **Tom Marquand 96**
10 (12) 2 **SKYSAIL 20** M Tregoning 9-7 ... **Dougie Costello ●99**
11 (13) 4 **STAMFORD BLUE 133** R Hannon 9-7 ... **Pat Dobbs 94**
12 (15) **TRILBY** G Boughey 9-7 ... **Ryan Moore —**
13 (3) 6 **VECCHIO 50** M Meade 9-7 ... **Rob Hornby 89**
14 (11) 5 **WHAT A WHOPPER 22** B Meehan 9-7 ... **Hollie Doyle 92**
15 (6) 87 **GIDDY AUNT 40** J Portman 9-2 ... **Charles Bishop 72**
16 (10) 0 **POR TI VOLARE 35** B Barr 9-2 ... **Josephine Gordon 70**
BETTING: 10-3 Skysail, 9-2 Paspaley, 5 Dark Trooper, 13-2 Acai, 8 Fierce, 12 Calypso
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2021: See Division 1.

2.18 DUBAI DUTY FREE CONDITIONS STAKES (FILLIES) (2); 2-y-o; £9,277; 7f. Straight. (15 runners)

1 (11) 1 **CRYSTALLIUM 22 (D)** T Clover 9-3 ... **David Egan 98**
2 (2) **CIARA STORM** M Meade 9-0 ... **Jim Crowley —**
3 (3) **ELEGANCIA** H & R Charlton 9-0 ... **David Probert —**
4 (13) **MAGGIE'S WAY** W Muir & C Grassick 9-0 ... **Hollie Doyle —**
5 (10) **MARIE LAVEAU** M Tregoning 9-0 ... **Dougie Costello —**
6 (4) **MISS LIGHTFANDANGO** C Hills 9-0 ... **Dane O'Neill —**
7 (6) **OPERA FOREVER** A Balding 9-0 ... **Rob Hornby —**
8 (12) 2 **PEONY 15** E Walker 9-0 ... **Tom Marquand ●99**
9 (5) **SECRET SOLACE** M Tregoning 9-0 ... **Rossa Ryan —**
10 (14) **SILVER LADY** C Appleby 9-0 ... **Doubtful —**
11 (15) 6 **SKALLYWAG BAY 21** R Hannon 9-0 ... **Pat Dobbs 89**
12 (1) **SONEMOS** K De Foy 9-0 ... **Daniel Muscutt —**
13 (7) **SUNDOWNER** E J-Houghton 9-0 ... **Charles Bishop —**
14 (8) **ULYSSES PRINCESS** G Moore 9-0 ... **Shane Kelly —**
15 (9) 1 **WYOMING 20** P & O Cole 9-0 ... **Luke Morris 97**
BETTING: 3 Wyoming, 4 Crystallium, Peony, 10 Opera Forever, Elegancia, Sonemos
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 4 3 1 2
2021: Heredia 8-12 Sean Levey 5-1 (R Hannon) drawn 1, 4 ran.

Sunracing FORM

CRYSTALLIUM (9-0) 5-2 fav led 1f out, bt Caernarfon (8-9) 3½l (9 ran) (Chelmsford 7f nov (4) £5,399 AW).
PEONY (9-2) 22-1 kept on, btn 2½l by Eximious (9-2) (10 ran) (Salisbury 7f mdn (2) £12,370 good to firm).
SKALLYWAG BAY (9-2) 10-1 6th of 9 (btn 8½l) to Lose Yourself (9-2) (Newmarket 7f nov (4) £4,320 soft).
WYOMING (9-2) 11-2 led 1f out, kept on, bt Skysail (9-7) 1¼l (9 ran) (Windsor 6f nov (5) £3,672 good to soft).

2.53 DUBAI DUTY FREE NURSERY (3); 2-y-o; value to the winner £6,700; 7f. Straight. (6 runners)

1 (6) 32110 **METAHORSE 29 (D)** M Bell 9-9 ... **David Egan 95**
2 (2) 431 **THE PARENT 21** R Hannon 9-7 ... **Ryan Moore 98**
3 (5) 3324 **STRAWBERRY BELLE 20** P Owens 9-0 ... **Louis Steward ●99**
4 (4) 8173 **SURELY NOT 50 (D)** D F Davis 8-12 ... **Hollie Doyle 90**
5 (3) 7223 **HAUGHTY 34** A King 8-8 ... **David Probert 89**
6 (1) 705 **DREAM OF MISCHIEF 21** A Perrett 8-7 ... **Luke Morris 82**
BETTING: 9-4 The Parent, 3 Strawberry Belle, 4 Metahorse, 5 Surely Not, 8 Haughty
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 4 1 8 4 2
2021: American Star 9-4 Oisin Murphy 11-2 (E Walker) drawn 4, 6 ran.

Sunracing FORM

METAHORSE (9-2) 9-1 held, 10th of 19 (btn 6½l) to Shouldvebeenaring (9-2) (York 6f auct (2) £122,950 good).
THE PARENT (9-7) 11-4 led until 1f out, rallied to lead again, just held on, bt Sir Laurence Graff (9-4) nk (8 ran) (Goodwood 1m nov (4) £5,400 soft).
STRAWBERRY BELLE (8-6) 28-1 ran on, 4th of 18 (btn 1¾l) to Amichi (8-11) (Newmarket 6f auct (2) £54,110 good).
SURELY NOT (8-6) 28-1 ran on, 3rd of 12 (btn hd) to Prairie Falcon (8-6) (Goodwood 7f hcap (2) £15,462 firm).
HAUGHTY (9-2) 7-1 one pace, last of 3 (btn 8l) to Hope You Can Run (9-10) (Doncaster 1m hcap (4) £7,236 good).

3.28 HAYNES, HANSON & CLARK CONDITIONS STAKES (2); 2-y-o; winner £10,308; 1m. Straight. (4 runners)

1 (1) 421 **CLASSIC 21** R Hannon 9-3 ... **Pat Dobbs 98**
2 (3) 1 **HIGHBANK 55** C Appleby 9-3 ... **Ryan Moore ●99**
3 (2) 6 **ELIGIUS 14** B Meehan 9-0 ... **Hollie Doyle 74**
4 (4) 332 **STORMBUSTER 28** A Balding 9-0 ... **David Probert 94**
BETTING: 4-6 Highbank, 5-2 Classic, 7-2 Stormbuster, 66 Eligius
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 3 3 2 3
2021: Zechariah 9-1 Tom Marquand 9-1 (M Meade) drawn 3, 6 ran.

Sunracing FORM

CLASSIC (9-2) 4-9 fav made all, ran on, easily, bt Obelix (9-2) 3¼l (7 ran) (Newmarket 7f nov (4) £4,320 soft).
HIGHBANK (9-7) 4-1 rear, headway 1f out, led run-in, quickened clear, bt Bold Act (9-2) 3¾l (8 ran) (Newmarket 7f mdn (4) £4,320 good to firm).
ELIGIUS (9-7) 80-1 ridden 1f out, held, 6th of 8 (btn 8¼l) to City Of Kings (9-7) (Ascot 7f mdn (3) £10,800 good).
STORMBUSTER (9-3) 11-2 led 2f out, headed 1f out, btn 5½l by Flying Honours (9-3) (6 ran) (Salisbury 1m Listed (1) £21,266 good to firm).

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1.07 ... Lajooje
1.43 ... Paspaley
2.18 ... Crystallium
2.53 ... STRAWBERRY BELLE (nap)
3.28 ... Highbank
4.03 ... Saleymm
4.35 ... Mahrajaan
5.05 ... Vee Sight

TOM PEPPER

1.07 ... Lajooje
1.43 ... Paspaley
2.18 ... Crystallium
2.53 ... Strawberry Belle
3.28 ... Highbank
4.03 ... Shine So Bright
4.35 ... Mahrajaan
5.05 ... Vee Sight

■TIC-TAC: L-H oval track of 1m 7f, straight mile joins main circuit 5f from home. ■DRAW: High best in large fields, especially on soft ground. ■LEADING TRAINERS (2017-2022): R Hannon 57-475, W Haggas 46-192, J & T Gosden 40-172, A Balding 30-256. THIS SEASON: W Haggas 10, R Hannon 9, C Appleby 8. ■TOP JOCKEYS (2017-2022): J Crowley 38-236, T Marquand 34-229, R L Moore 24-164, S M Levey 23-159. THIS SEASON: T Marquand 12, J Crowley 8, H Doyle 6. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: C'Est No Mour (4.35) trained at Hook. Round trip of 384 miles. ■TRAINERFAX: R Charlton won 2.18 in 2018, 2019 & 2020. R Hannon won 1.07 in 2014, 2017 & 2019 and 2.53 in 2015, 2017, 2018 & 2019. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: None. ■LIVE ON RACING TV

4.03 DUBAI DUTY FREE CUP STAKES (LISTED) (1); value to the winner £22,684; 7f. Straight. (7 runners)

1 (5) 3633019 **JUMBY 27 (CD)** E J-Houghton 4-9-11 ... **Charles Bishop 98**
2 (7) 8251001 **SALEYMM 15 (T;D)** S & E Crisford 4-9-4 ... **Ryan Moore 96**
3 (3) 4440-11 **SHINE SO BRIGHT 125 (H;D)** A Balding 6-9-4 ... **David Probert 94**
4 (6) 2001252 **TACARIB BAY 13 (P;D)** R Hannon 3-9-1 ... **Pat Dobbs 92**
5 (2) 171-556 **SACRED 27 (T;BF,CD)** W Haggas 4-8-13 ... **Tom Marquand ●99**
6 (1) 1-60 **HEAT OF THE MOMENT 124** J Chapple-Hyam 3-8-10 ... **Hollie Doyle 81**
7 (4) 37-5666 **SIAMSA 91 (D)** R Hannon 3-8-10 ... **David Egan 8277**
BETTING: 5-2 Jumby, 11-4 Sacred, 11-2 Saleymm, Shine So Bright, 6 Tacarib Bay
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 6 4 1 9 1-3
2021: Silent Escape 4-8-11 O Murphy 16-5 JtFav (S bin Suroor) dr 8, 15 ran.

Sunracing FORM

SACRED (9-5) 10-3 fav tracked leaders, ridden 1f out, 6th of 9 (btn 6¼l) to Kinross (9-8) **JUMBY** (9-8) 7-1 rear, ridden 2f out, held, last (btn 13l) (York 7f Grp 2 £226,840 good to firm).
SALEYMM (9-7) 10-3 made all, bt Dubai Poet (8-13) 2¼l (3 ran) (Haydock 7f cond stk (3) £10,259 good to firm).
SHINE SO BRIGHT (9-2) 5-1 held up, led finish, ran on, bt **SALEYMM** (9-5) 5-2 fav led final furlong, ridden, headed finish, 1l (11 ran) (Newmarket 7f hcap (2) £25,770 good to firm).
TACARIB BAY (9-0) 2-1 chased leader, pushed along when dropped to last 2f out, stayed on final furlong, btn 1¼l by Triple Time (9-0) (4 ran) (Haydock 1m Grp 3 £45,368 good to firm).
HEAT OF THE MOMENT (9-1) 66-1 rear, never a threat, last of 15 (btn 15l) to Mangoustine (9-1) (Longchamp 1m Grp 1 £240,084 good to soft).
SIAMSA (9-9) 12-1 led 6f out, clear 5f out until 3f out, headed 1f out, last of 6 (btn 14l) to Rawyaan (9-4) (Goodwood 1m hcap (4) £6,156 good to firm).

4.35 DUBAI DUTY FREE HANDICAP (2); value to the winner £10,800; 1m 4f. (10 runners)

1 (1) 13-3023 **MAHRAJAAN 28 (BF,D)** W Haggas 4-10-2 ... **Jim Crowley 98**
2 (6) 23-7641 **SAM COOKE 20 (D)** R Beckett 6-10-1 ... **Rob Hornby ●99**
3 (9) 440411- **C'EST NO MOUR 259 (CD)** S Hodgson 9-9-13 ... **Tom Marquand 92**
4 (7) -116036 **MOKTASAAB 28 (C)** W Knight 4-9-12 ... **Callum Shepherd 93**
5 (3) 21461-4 **GOOLWA 146 (D)** A Balding 4-9-11 ... **Callum Hutchinson (5) 89**
6 (5) 3211-38 **HASTY SAILOR 107 (T;D)** Sir M Stoute 5-9-9 ... **Ryan Moore 94**
7 (10) 0510-60 **TORCELLO 76 (C,D)** S Lycett 8-9-6 ... **Josephine Gordon 81**
8 (8) 135-340 **BERKSHIRE REBEL 92** A Balding 3-9-2 ... **David Probert 95**
9 (2) 3-22129 **KNIGHT OF HONOUR 27** J & T Gosden 3-9-1 ... **Martin Harley 90**
10 (4) 7513 **WANDERING ROCKS 23 (H,T)** J Fanshawe 3-9-0 ... **Daniel Muscutt 95**
BETTING: 11-4 Mahrajaan, 7-2 Sam Cooke, 11-2 Knight Of Honour, 13-2 Hasty Sailor, 7 Moktasaab, 10 C'Est No Mour, 12 Wandering Rocks, 20 Berkshire Rebel, Goolwa
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 5 6 2 1-7 1
2021: Makram 4-9-9 James Doyle 11-4 Fav (H & R Charlton) drawn 5, 12 ran.

Sunracing FORM

MAHRAJAAN (9-6) 6-1 fav ran on well, 3rd of 16 (btn 1½l) to Farhan (9-0) **MOKTASAAB** (9-3) 10-1 every chance, kept on one pace, 6th (btn 5l) (York 1½m hcap (2) £51,540 good).
SAM COOKE (9-12) 4-1 fav ran on, led final 110 yards, all out, bt Hms President (9-3) nk (8 ran) (Newmarket 1¾m hcap (2) £25,770 good).
C'EST NO MOUR (9-12) 5-4 fav led 2f out, ridden and asserted inside final furlong, bt Celtic Art (9-5) 1½l (6 ran) (Lingfield 1½m hcap (3) £6,210 AW).
GOOLWA (8-11) 11-2 rear, outpaced 3f out, rallied 1f out, held, 4th of 5 (btn 2¼l) to Chai Yo Power (8-11) (W'hampton 1½m hcap (2) £10,308 AW).
HASTY SAILOR (9-8) 11-4 last of 8 (btn 11l) to Pearl Beach (9-3) (Kempton 1½m hcap (3) £7,731 AW).
TORCELLO (8-8) 50-1 led until 2f out, 16th of 17 (btn 10l) to Get Shirty (9-8) (Haydock 1½m hcap (2) £77,310 soft).
BERKSHIRE REBEL (9-4) 66-1 ridden 2f out, 18th of 19 (btn 13l) to Secret State (9-6) (Ascot 1½m hcap hdle (2) £51,540 good to firm).
KNIGHT OF HONOUR (8-9) 11-2 9th of 15 (btn 8l) to Protagonist (9-1) (Sandown 1¼m hcap (2) £25,575 good).
WANDERING ROCKS (9-9) 11-2 in rear, ridden 1f out, one pace, 3rd of 6 (btn 3½l) to Sea The Casper (9-11) (Kempton 1m 3f hcap (3) £7,731 AW).

5.05 DREWEATTS HANDICAP (4); value to the winner £4,671; 1m 2f. (20 runners)

1 (20) 31/615- **DUTY OF CARE 376** J Osborne 4-10-2 ... **Shane Kelly 95**
2 (7) 11-0096 **SKY POWER 95 (D)** R Beckett 5-10-1 ... **Rossa Ryan 82**
3 (6) 37-1950 **FAST MEDICINE 49 (H)** P Chapple-Hyam 4-10-0.. **Callum Hutchinson (5) 89**
4 (16) 1/5539- **SET POINT 442** H Palmer 4-9-12 ... **Harry Davies (3) 92**
5 (9) -221190 **FOUNTAIN CROSS 43** A King 4-9-12 ... **Charles Bishop 88**
6 (15) 3/441-8 **SECRET BOX 27 (D)** Sir M Prescott 4-9-10 ... **Luke Morris 95**
7 (5) 54334-4 **FURTHER MEASURE 252** S Kirk 5-9-9 ... **Liam Keniry 83**
8 (12) 754-143 **VEE SIGHT 27** R Beckett 3-9-8 ... **Rob Hornby ●99**
9 (10) -673230 **GROUP ONE POWER 36** A Balding 5-9-8 ... **David Probert 98**
10 (19) 8215-84 **KATTANI 96 (T;D)** M Appleby 6-9-8 ... **Tom Marquand 90**
11 (17) -733152 **STATELY HOME 99** S Lycett 5-9-7 ... **Josephine Gordon 96**
12 (13) 2440000 **OH HERBERTS REIGN 26** R Hannon 3-9-6 ... **Pat Dobbs 81**
13 (2) 132451- **MUSTAZEED 329 (D)** C Wall 4-9-5 ... **Hollie Doyle 97**
14 (18) 364-614 **ASCENDING 26** C Cox 3-9-5 ... **Adam Kirby 95**
15 (8) 456-120 **ROYAL RIFT 50** B Meehan 3-9-2 ... **Daniel Muscutt 92**
16 (14) 187-02 **PERSEUS WAY 78** O Burrows 3-9-1 ... **Jim Crowley 90**
17 (1) -937558 **LAWN RANGER 20 (D)** M Attwater 7-8-13 ... **Callum Shepherd 81**
18 (11) 4481664 **CARP KID 15 (P;D)** J Flint 7-8-11 ... **Aidan Keeley (5) 88**
19 (4) 7355 **TRAILBLAZER 72** W Muir & C Grassick 3-8-11 ... **David Egan 94**
20 (3) 78/017- **WATERLOO SUNSET 323 (D)** D Coakley 4-8-10 ... **George Bass (3) 78**
BETTING: 11-2 Vee Sight, 6 Stately Home, 13-2 Secret Box, 8 Ascending, 10 Perseus Way, 12 Duty Of Care, Mustazeed, 14 Fast Medicine, Sky Power, Set Point, Kattani
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 0 0 6 3 1
2021: Neenee's Choice 3-9-7 O Murphy 13-8 Fav (A Balding) dr 4, 10 ran.

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GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (GOOD IN PLACES)

1.25 VIRGIN BET FILLIES' NURSERY (Class 4); 2-y-o; value to the winner £7,776; 7f. (13 runners)

1 (3) 3108 **IBIZA LOVE 57 (D)** H Palmer 9-9 **Ben Curtis 90**
2 (11) 551323 **MISTY BLUES 8** T Easterby 9-6 **David Allan 97**
3 (8) 771 **GREYCIOUS ANNA 20 (D)** K Burke 9-2 **Sam James 98**
4 (2) 525 **PURENESS 63 (BF)** G Boughey 9-1 **Daniel Tudhope 92**
5 (9) 63174 **IATO'S ANGEL 16** K Dalgleish 8-13 **Callum Rodriguez 87**
6 (10) 436422 **TRANSFER AFFECTION 13 (BF)** K Ryan 8-12 **Tom Eaves 94**
7 (12) 425214 **LADY LAVINA 28 (P;D)** C & M Johnston 8-11 **Franny Norton 97**
8 (6) 4322 **CAERNARFON 22** M Channon 8-9 **Connor Beasley 93**
9 (5) 315052 **CLARETINA 15** R Fahey 8-7 **Cam Hardie ●99**
10 (7) 6535 **DAY MEMBER 16 (P)** W Haggas 8-7 **Rowan Scott 89**
11 (4) 7524 **GRANNY B 39** J Quinn 8-7 **Jason Hart 90**
12 (1) 972732 **SNOW GIRL 11** K Ryan 8-5 **Shane Gray 86**
13 (13) 655463 **PLATINUM GIRL 22** T Easterby 8-2 **Duran Fentiman 81**

BETTING: 11-2 Claretina, 6 Greycious Anna, 15-2 Misty Blues, Pureness, 8 Day Member, Caernarfon, Transfer Affection, 10 Platinum Girl
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2021: No corresponding race.

2.00 EBF NURSERY (2); 2-y-o; value to the winner £9,277; 6f. (10 runners)

1 (4) 41015 **RAMAZAN 30 (D)** R Fahey 9-9 **Oisin Orr 89**
2 (10) 2715103 **SHANDY STAR 16 (D)** R Fell 9-7 **Clifford Lee 98**
3 (5) 2618 **BRAVEHEART BOY 30 (D)** T Easterby 9-5 **Duran Fentiman 90**
4 (6) 1444302 **JM JUNGLE 16** J Quinn 9-5 **Jason Hart ●99**
5 (2) 342 **REWARD SMILE 22 (T)** H Palmer 9-3 **Ben Curtis 89**
6 (8) 835135 **PRAIRIE FALCON 3** M Dods 9-0 **Connor Beasley 92**
7 (3) 2451595 **HONOUR YOUR DREAMS 34 (T;CD)** A Keatley 8-13 **Andrew Mullen 94**
8 (7) 822 **PREMIER OPTION 23** T Easterby 8-10 **David Allan 87**
9 (9) 0414321 **DON'T FIGHT IT 17** K Dalgleish 8-4 **James Sullivan 95**
10 (1) 656 **FLYING BARTY 14** K Ryan 8-2 **Cam Hardie 84**

BETTING: 7-2 Ramazan, 5 Don't Fight It, 13-2 Reward Smile, Shandy Star, Jm Jungle, 15-2 Braveheart Boy, Prairie Falcon, 10 Premier Option
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: abd 3 0 5 1
2021: Straits Of Moyle 8-7 Barry McHugh 3-1 Fav (R Fahey) drawn 6, 15 ran.

Sunracing FORM

RAMAZAN (8-12) 13-2 led final furlong, headed, ran on, 5th of 18 (btn 2¼l) to Streets Of Gold (9-6) **BRAVEHEART BOY** (8-9) 12-1 mid-division, headway under pressure 2f out, ran on, 8th (btn 4¾l) **SHANDY STAR** (8-12) 28-1 headway 3f out, ran on, 11th (btn 6½l) (York 6f hcap (2) £51,540 good).
JM JUNGLE (9-0) 7-1 every chance 1f out, stayed on, btn 1½l by Coco Jack (9-9) **SHANDY STAR** (9-2) 3-1 close up, not clear run final furlong, ran on, 3rd (btn 1½l) (6 ran) (Hamilton 6f hcap (2) £10,308 good to soft).
REWARD SMILE (9-7) 11-2 led 1f out, kept on well, headed final strides, btn nk by Barefoot Angel (9-2) (11 ran) (Carlisle 6f nov (4) £5,399 good).
PRAIRIE FALCON (9-5) 10-3 tracked leaders, pushed along and waiting for gap 2f out, repeatedly denied clear run, hampered, unlucky, 5th of 6 (btn 1½l) to Hello Deira (9-9) (Redcar 7f hcap (4) £4,806 good to soft).
HONOUR YOUR DREAMS (9-4) 18-1 in rear, ridden 2f out, kept on, last of 5 (btn 5l) to Prince Of Pillo (9-4) (Ripon 5f 2yo stks (2) £7,860 good to firm).
PREMIER OPTION (9-7) 3-1 soon led, ridden 2f out, driven 1f out, headed close home, btn ns by Delirious Dream (9-7) (11 ran) (Catterick 5f mdn (5) £3,780 good to firm).
DON'T FIGHT IT (9-10) 3-1 close up, shaken up to lead 1f out, stayed on, bt Howyadoin (9-6) 1½l (7 ran) (Carlisle 5f hcap (6) £3,942 good to firm).
FLYING BARTY (9-2) 22-1 led until 2f out, 6th of 11 (btn 7l) to Zouky (9-9) (Haydock 6f nov (4) £5,400 firm).

2.35 BRITISH EBF STALLIONS HARRY ROSEBERY STAKES (LISTED) (1); 2-y-o; winner £20,132; 5f. (12 runners)

1 (9) 16332 **BOLT ACTION 18 (D)** R Varian 9-5 **Ben Curtis ●99**
2 (11) 2164614 **LOOKING FOR LYNDA 27 (D)** K Burke 9-5 **Clifford Lee 89**
3 (4) 2214228 **NEW DEFINITION 13 (V)** J Tate 9-5 **P J McDonald 84**
4 (10) 114 **PRINCE OF PILLO 5 (C,D)** K Dalgleish 9-5 **Callum Rodriguez 95**
5 (2) 110558 **REMARKABLE FORCE 29 (P;D)** A Haynes 9-5 **Rowan Scott 82**
6 (12) 121337 **ROGUE SPIRIT 30 (D)** T Clover 9-5 **Doubtful 90**
7 (8) 3 **SEANTRABH 12** D Carroll 9-5 **Harrison Shaw 81**
8 (1) 61857 **THUNDER MOOR 27 (P★;D)** K Ryan 9-5 **Daniel Tudhope 93**
9 (3) 5192 **CAN TO CAN 27 (D)** C & M Johnston 9-0 **Franny Norton 89**
10 (5) 1393 **KERINDIA 15 (D)** M Bell 9-0 **Jason Hart 98**
11 (6) 787114 **MISS ATTITUDE 26 (BF,D)** M Channon 9-0 **Connor Beasley 81**
12 (7) 1195226 **UNION COURT 9 (D)** E Walker 9-0 **Oisin Orr 95**

BETTING: 2 Bolt Action, 10-3 Kerindia, 5 Prince Of Pillo, 13-2 Looking For Lynda, 10 Union Court, 14 Seantrabh, Can To Can, 20 Thunder Moor
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: abd 6 2 6 3
2021: Vertiginous 8-12 Paul Mulrennan 17-2 (B Meehan) drawn 8, 13 ran.

Sunracing FORM

BOLT ACTION (9-5) 3-1 led 2f out, headed 1f out, kept on, always held, btn nk by Shouldvebeenaring (9-5) (Ripon 6f Listed (1) £22,684 good).
BOLT ACTION (9-2) 11-2 pushed along 2f out, stayed on, 3rd of 9 (btn 2l) to Treasure Trove (8-11) **LOOKING FOR LYNDA** (9-2) 16-1 led until final furlong, 4th (btn 3l) **THUNDER MOOR** (9-2) 20-1 pushed along 2f out, faded, 7th (btn 4¾l) (9 ran) (York 5f Listed (1) £48,204 good to firm).
NEW DEFINITION (9-3) 22-1 ridden 2f out, kept on one pace, 8th of 10 (btn 5¾l) to Mischief Magic (9-3) (Kempton 6f Grp 3 (1) £39,697 AW).
PRINCE OF PILLO (9-3) 12-1 chased leaders, bumped badly 4f out and 3f out, 4th of 8 (btn 6l) to Trillium (9-0) (Doncaster 5f Grp 2 £65,216 soft).
REMARKABLE FORCE (9-7) 12-1 kept on one pace, held run-in, 8th of 19 (btn 5¾l) to Shouldvebeenaring (9-2) (York 6f auct (2) £122,950 good).
SEANTRABH (9-7) 9-1 led until 1f out, kept on, 3rd of 7 (btn 1¾l) to Squealer (9-7) (York 5f nov (3) £10,800 good).
CAN TO CAN (9-2) 9-4 led until 1f out, btn 4½l by All The Time (9-2) (5 ran) (Chester 6f 2yo stks (2) £10,308 good).
KERINDIA (8-10) 4-1 headway 2f out, hampered, ran on, 3rd of 10 (btn 2l) to Lady Hollywood (8-10) (Longchamp 5f Grp 3 £42,353 good to soft).
MISS ATTITUDE (9-6) 7-4 fav led, ridden 1f out, headed 110 yards out, 4th of 8 (btn ¾l) to Safari Dream (9-7) (Sandown 5f hcap (4) £18,039 good).
UNION COURT (8-2) 9-2 rear, pushed along 2f out, one pace, 6th of 8 (btn 5½l) to Manaccan (10-0) (Doncaster 5f Listed (1) £34,026 good).

3.10 ARRAN SCOTTISH SPRINT FILLIES' STAKES (LISTED) (1); winner £26,654; 5f 110yds. (18 runners)

1 (16) 5713121 **GALE FORCE MAYA 12 (P;D)** M Dods 6-9-5 **Connor Beasley ●99**
2 (5) 8271095 **GUILDED 9 (V★;CD)** K Burke 3-9-3 **Clifford Lee 84**
3 (7) 1608418 **TIPPY TOES 19 (D)** C & M Johnston 3-9-3 **Franny Norton 95**
4 (1) 7165951 **MISS NAY NEVER 55 (D)** J Quinn 4-9-2 **Jason Hart 86**
5 (10) 43-7862 **MO CELITA 9 (D)** A Nicholls 4-9-2 **Barry McHugh 98**
6 (8) 5532135 **SOUND OF IONA 9 (BF,CD)** J Goldie 6-9-2 **Paul Mulrennan 78**
7 (9) 8282856 **TENAYA CANYON 20 (D)** E Walker 4-9-2 **P J McDonald 96**
8 (14) 1662249 **VENTURA FLAME 13 (D)** K Dalgleish 5-9-2 **Callum Rodriguez 88**
9 (4) 1283419 **ALIA CHOICE 20 (D)** K Ryan 3-9-0 **Kevin Stott 78**
10 (12) 13-4775 **BARBANERA 20 (D)** R Fahey 3-9-0 **Oisin Orr 83**
11 (17) 30-0578 **CORAZON 30 (T;D)** G Boughey 3-9-0 **Sam James 76**
12 (15) 62-7568 **ILLUSTRATING 29 (D)** K Burke 3-9-0 **Daniel Tudhope 89**
13 (2) -211196 **LULLABY BAY 12 (P★;CD)** K Burke 3-9-0 **Tom Eaves 82**
14 (11) 5710434 **MY EYES ADORE YOU 26 (D)** J Stack (Ire) 3-9-0 **Andrew Slattery 93**
15 (13) -131125 **PINK CRYSTAL 12 (BF,D)** W Haggas 3-9-0 **Rowan Scott 92**
16 (3) 5-91278 **SABLONNE 13 (P;D)** J Harrington (Ire) 3-9-0 **Cam Hardie 84**
17 (18) 8-15113 **SANDBECK 30 (D)** E Bethell 3-9-0 **Ray Dawson 91**
18 (6) 231195- **TARDIS 343 (D)** M Bell 3-9-0 **David Allan 94**

BETTING: 5-2 Gale Force Maya, 15-2 Mo Celita, 8 Tippy Toes, 10 Pink Crystal, Tardis, My Eyes Adore You, Tenaya Canyon, 12 Barbanera, Sandbeck, Corazon
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: abd 8 5 2 3
2021: Dandalla 3-8-12 Ben Curtis 13-2 (K R Burke) drawn 4, 16 ran.

Sunracing FORM

GALE FORCE MAYA (8-13) 7-4 fav handy, ridden to lead 1f out, ran on well, bt Primo Bacio (8-13) 2½l (8 ran) (York 6f Listed (1) £34,026 good).
MO CELITA (9-10) 9-1 handy, pushed along 1f out, stayed on well, btn 1½l by Manaccan (10-0) **GUILDED** (9-12) 25-1 chased leaders, ridden 2f out, ran on, 5th (btn 4l) (8 ran) (Doncaster 5f Listed (1) £34,026 good).
TIPPY TOES (8-11) 5-1 chased leader, weakened final furlong, 8th of 9 (btn 14l) to Dubawi Legend (9-2) (Baden-Baden 6f Grp 3 £26,891 good to soft).
MISS NAY NEVER (9-12) 11-4 keen, made all, pushed along 1f out, faced strong challenge run-in, battled well, bt Lady Celia (8-12) ½l (4 ran) (Newcastle 5f hcap (4) £6,885 AW).
SOUND OF IONA (9-8) 3-1 fav led 3f out, headed 2f out, 5th of 14 (btn 4½l) to Temple Bruer (8-12) (Doncaster 6f app hcap (4) £11,016 good).
BARBANERA (8-11) 33-1 in touch ridden 2f out , kept on, 5th of 13 (btn 2½l) to Tis Marvellous (9-4) **TENAYA CANYON** (8-13) 11-1 in rear, ridden and headway 1f out, switched and kept on, 6th (btn 3l) **ALIA CHOICE** (8-11) 14-1 faded, 9th (btn 5¼l) (13 ran) (Beverley 5f Listed (1) £28,355 good).
VENTURA FLAME (8-11) 22-1 handy, carried right final 2f, 9th of 10 (btn 10l) to Whenthedealinsdone (9-6) (Ascot 5f hcap (2) £16,200 good to soft).
PINK CRYSTAL (8-11) 9-2 fav rear, ridden 2f out, smooth headway final furlong, stayed on well, btn 2½l by Designer (9-0) **SANDBECK** (9-4) 9-1 rear ridden 2f out, pushed along, kept on, 3rd (btn 2¾l) **SOUND OF IONA** (8-0) 22-1 stayed on, 5th (btn 4½l) **CORAZON** (9-9) 9-1 midfield, ridden 2f out, 8th (btn 5½l) **GUILDED** (9-10) 14-1 faded, 9th (btn 5½l) (17 ran) (York 5f hcap (2) £51,540 good).
SOUND OF IONA (7-11) 40-1 in touch, ridden 1f out, ran on strongly, 3rd of 14 (btn 1¼l) to Adaay In Asia (9-1) **ILLUSTRATING** (9-1) 25-1 prominent, ridden 1f out, 8th (btn 9¼l) (14 ran) (York 7f hcap (2) £51,540 good).
LULLABY BAY (9-8) 10-1 every chance, kept on one pace, 6th of 15 (btn 1¾l) to Catch Cunningham (8-12) (York 5f app hcap (3) £12,885 good).
MY EYES ADORE YOU (9-5) 50-1 pressed leaders 1f out, challenged close home, held, 4th of 10 (btn 1l) to Perfect News (9-5) **SABLONNE** (9-5) 14-1 disputed lead, ridden 2f out, no extra 1f out, one pace, 7th (btn 2¾l) (Naas 6f Grp 3 (1) €48,000 good).
PINK CRYSTAL (9-3) 16-5 fav stayed on, 5th of 13 (btn 1¼l) to Lucky Man (9-7) (York 6f hcap (3) £12,885 good).
SABLONNE (9-8) 10-1 pushed along 2f out, ridden 1f out, 8th of 9 (btn 6¼l) to Curraheen Princess (8-9) (Navan 5f hcap €13,199 good to soft).
ILLUSTRATING (8-12) 7-1 led centre group 2f out, ridden and stayed on, btn 2l by Twilight Jet (9-1) **GUILDED** (8-12) 8-1 ridden 1f out, stayed on, 3rd (btn 2l) **TARDIS** (8-12) 9-1 tracked leaders, ridden 1f out, one pace, 5th (btn 3l) (12 ran) (Newmarket 5f Grp 3 (1) £34,026 good to soft).

3.45 VIRGIN BET AYR BRONZE CUP HANDICAP (2); value to the winner £15,462; 6f. (25 runners)

1 (8) 6184567 **TIPPERARY TIGER 9 (B★;D)** K Burke 4-9-12 **Pierre-Louis Jamin 93**
2 (7) 2264718 **BALLYARE 40 (P,T;D)** L Russell 5-9-11 **Kevin Stott 94**
3 (16) 05-9450 **SUMMER SANDS 43 (D)** R Fahey 5-9-11 **Barry McHugh 95**
4 (10) 6152117 **MONSIEUR KODI 15 (CD)** R Fahey 3-9-10 **Oisin Orr 90**
5 (22) 11-2750 **LE BEAU GARCON 27 (BF)** M & D Easterby 3-9-10 **Paul Mulrennan 98**
6 (18) -205667 **BLACK FRIDAY 43 (CD)** R Smith 7-9-10 **Patrick Mathers 93**
7 (1) 1958842 **MUSIC SOCIETY 21 (CD)** T Easterby 7-9-9 **David Allan 94**
8 (2) 1462124 **MATTICE 12 (P;BF,D)** T Easterby 3-9-9 **Duran Fentiman 97**
9 (23) 4532104 **DANZAN 21 (P;D)** T Easterby 7-9-8 **Jason Hart 94**
10 (15) 7-31000 **SHOWTIME MAHOMES 40 (D)** G Tuer 3-9-8 **Oliver Stammers (3) 95**
11 (13) -256127 **TOTHENINES 63 (D)** K Burke 3-9-8 **Clifford Lee 94**
12 (14) 5184118 **INTERVENTION 9 (H,P;D)** M Appleby 5-9-8(10ex) **Adam Farragher (5) 91**
13 (17) 2322694 **THE THIN BLUE LINE 26 (D)** K Dalgleish 4-9-7 **Callum Rodriguez 96**
14 (25) 2902120 **FAST AND LOOSE 12 (P;D)** K Ryan 3-9-6 **Tom Eaves 95**
15 (12) 1-803D5 **BELTANE 28 (CD)** K Dalgleish 3-9-6 **Shane Gray 91**
16 (21) 2421886 **CHOOKIE DUNEDIN 13 (CD)** K Dalgleish 7-9-5 **Ryan Sexton (5) 95**
17 (19) 41261 **GRANTLEY HALL 37 (D)** M & D Easterby 3-9-5 **Connor Beasley 93**
18 (24) 2128949 **JORDAN ELECTRICS 3 (CD)** E Whillans 6-9-5 **Rowan Scott 93**
19 (6) 0911035 **LATE ARRIVAL 20 (BF,D)** M & D Easterby 5-9-5 **Joanna Mason 94**
20 (5) 631 **BEATTIE IS BACK 224** R Fahey 3-9-5 **Billy Garritty 85**
21 (3) 0920924 **NEVER DARK 1 (BF;P)** I Jardine 5-9-4 **Daniel Tudhope ●99**
22 (4) 0072463 **ADMIRALITY 48 (BF,D)** R Fell 8-9-4 **Ben Curtis 94**
23 (20) 4-35816 **VINCE LOMBARDI 22 (BF,D)** G Tuer 3-9-4(6ex) **Sam James 95**
24 (11) 1499369 **SECRETINTHEPARK 38 (V;D)** R Menzies 12-9-3 **P J McDonald 96**
25 (9) 33-1658 **MONICA 22 (P;D)** I Jardine 3-9-3 **Andrew Mullen 93**

BETTING: 13-2 Music Society, 7 Mattice, Never Dark, 10 Beattie Is Back, Grantley Hall, The Thin Blue Line, 11 Beltane, Monsieur Kodi, 12 Admirality, 14 Le Beau Garcon
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: abd 0 5 0 1
2021: Call Me Ginger 5-9-9 Paul Mulrennan 4-1 Fav (J Goldie) drawn 4, 22 ran.

Sunracing FORM

TIPPERARY TIGER (9-4) 13-2 stayed on one pace, 7th of 14 (btn 4¾l) to Temple Bruer (8-12) **INTERVENTION** (9-7) 12-1 ridden well over 1f out, soon beaten, 8th (btn 7¼l) (Doncaster 6f app hcap (4) £11,016 good).
TIPPERARY TIGER (9-11) 9-1 ridden 2f out, not clear run, 6th of 17 (btn 5½l) to Devil's Angel (9-8) **BALLYARE** (9-9) 16-1 never on terms, 8th (btn 11l) **JORDAN ELECTRICS** (9-4) 14-1 9th (btn 11l) **SHOWTIME MAHOMES** (9-5) 9-1 15th (btn 18l) (17 ran) (Haydock 6f hcap (4) £15,462 good).
SUMMER SANDS (9-6) 25-1 faded, 12th of 14 (btn 10l) to Yaaser (8-8) (Doncaster 7f hcap (3) £25,770 good to firm).
MONSIEUR KODI (9-7) 9-1 ridden 2f out, weakened over 1f out, 7th of 11 (btn 5l) to Lir Speciale (9-6) (Windsor 6f hcap (3) £25,770 good).
LE BEAU GARCON (9-11) 11-4 jt fav always in rear, last of 10 (btn 11l) to Riversway (8-8) (Chester 5f hcap (4) £5,400 good).
BLACK FRIDAY (9-9) 10-1 weakened, 7th of 8 (btn 6¾l) to Jump The Gun (9-7) (Ayr 7f hcap (4) £5,616 good).
MUSIC SOCIETY (8-12) 9-1 going well 2f out when short of room, ran on well, could not pass winner, btn sh hd by Runninwild (8-9) (11 ran) (Thirsk 6f hcap (3) £8,100 good).
MATTICE (9-5) 5-1 jt fav headway 1f out, ran on, 4th of 15 (btn 1l) to Catch Cunningham (8-12) (York 5f app hcap (3) £12,885 good).
DANZAN (8-11) 10-1 could not go pace of leaders 1f out, ran on close home, 4th of 13 (btn 2½l) to Carnival Zain (9-0) (Thirsk 7f hcap (2) £13,500 good).
TOTHENINES (9-1) 8-1 last of 7 (btn 9¾l) to Juan Les Pins (8-13) (Nottingham 6f hcap (3) £8,100 good to firm).
THE THIN BLUE LINE (8-10) 7-1 not clear run, kept on well, 4th of 11 (btn 1¼l) to Mokaatil (8-11) (Sandown 5f hcap (3) £20,616 good).
FAST AND LOOSE (8-8) 33-1 faded 2f out, last of 13 (well btn) to Lucky Man (9-7) (York 6f hcap (3) £12,885 good).
BELTANE (9-7) 8-1 midfield, 5th of 9 (btn 7¼l) to Judgment Call (9-1) (Carlisle 7f hcap (4) £6,426 good).
CHOOKIE DUNEDIN (8-13) 6-1 ridden and weakened from over 2f out, 6th of 7 (btn 6¾l) to Reputation (9-4) (Thirsk 7f hcap (4) £6,426 soft).
GRANTLEY HALL (9-11) 10-3 made virtually all, kept on well, bt Princess Karine (9-9) 1¾l (7 ran) (Beverley 5f hcap (5) £3,942 good to firm).
LATE ARRIVAL (10-0) 3-1 fav stayed on final furlong, never troubled leaders, 5th of 9 (btn 3l) to Melody King (9-9) (Beverley 5f hcap (5) £3,873 good).
BEATTIE IS BACK (9-5) 16-1 every chance final furlong, led towards finish, bt Let Em Have It (9-5) hd (7 ran) (Newcastle 7f 3yo nov stks (5) £3,942 AW).
NEVER DARK (9-5) 11-1 led, ridden over 1f out, kept on, headed, btn sh hd by J R Cavagin (9-4) (13 ran) (Doncaster 6f hcap (5) £4,644 good to soft).
ADMIRALITY (9-3) 7-2 jt fav headway final furlong, never on terms, 3rd of 10 (btn 1¾l) to Intrinsic Bond (10-0) (Thirsk 5f hcap (4) £6,156 good to soft).
VINCE LOMBARDI (8-7) 5-2 fav faded, 6th of 13 (btn 4½l) to Badri (9-6) (Newcastle 6f hcap (3) £25,770 AW).
NEVER DARK (9-5) 18-1 led 2f out, ridden final furlong, headed final stride, btn sh hd by Ginger Jam (9-1) **SECRETINTHEPARK** (9-5) 16-1 faded 1f out, last (btn 5¼l) (Carlisle 5f hcap (4) £6,426 good to firm).
MONICA (9-3) 14-1 always in rear, last of 8 (btn 10l) to Aphelios (9-3) (Carlisle 6f hcap (4) £6,426 good).

4.20 REMS GROUP 'JUSTIN FORBES' HANDICAP (DIV 1) (5); value to the winner £3,996; 1m. (14 runners)

1 (11) 5112118 **TEMPER TRAP 9 (CD)** T Easterby 5-10-0 **Duran Fentiman ●99**
2 (14) 3-48454 **MI CAPRICHO 60 (CD)** K Dalgleish 7-9-12 **Callum Rodriguez 93**
3 (7) 5-10568 **YELLOW BEAR 30 (B★;D)** D Carroll 3-9-10 **Harrison Shaw 89**
4 (10) 68-4557 **GOLDEN VALOUR 22 (P)** R Smith 6-9-10 **P J McDonald 84**
5 (4) 0121133 **FLYLIKEANEAGLE 14 (B,T;C,D)** L Russell 5-9-10 **Kevin Stott 96**
6 (9) 8/15-45 **HEAR ME ROAR 14 (P★)** M Dods 4-9-9 **Connor Beasley 87**
7 (8) 6-4455 **KALAHARI PRINCE 39** K Ryan 3-9-8 **Tom Eaves 97**
8 (12) 8431431 **AYR POET 16 (P;CD)** J Goldie 7-9-7 **Paul Mulrennan 98**
9 (2) 7186352 **LITTLE TED 17 (P;D)** T Easterby 5-9-6 **David Allan 93**
10 (1) 0810272 **DO I DREAM 21 (D)** B Haslam 3-9-5 **Andrew Mullen 92**
11 (6) -494345 **NINKY NONK 43** K Dalgleish 3-9-2 **Callum Rodriguez 84**
12 (13) 5441206 **CHINESE SPIRIT 1 (CD)** L Perratt 8-9-0 **Graham Lee 92**
13 (5) 9412667 **TIME TO RUMBLE 22 (V★)** R Fahey 3-8-12 **Oisin Orr 87**
14 (3) -568826 **ZUMAATY 23** I Jardine 4-8-9 **Clifford Lee 77**

BETTING: 3 Flylikeaneagle, 4 Temper Trap, 9-2 Yellow Bear, 5 Mi Capricho, 7 Hear Me Roar, 8 Ayr Poet, 10 Do I Dream, 12 Little Ted
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 1
2021: Tilsitt 4-9-10 Sean Kirrane 7-4 Fav (R M Smith) drawn 8, 13 ran.

4.50 REMS GROUP 'JUSTIN FORBES' HANDICAP (DIV 2) (5); value to the winner £3,996; 1m. (14 runners)

1 (2) 8540313 **ALPINE SIERRA 104 (P;BF,D)** K Dalgleish 4-9-12 **Sam James 96**
2 (13) 2017744 **FROG AND TOAD 35 (P,T;D)** D O'Meara 4-9-12 **Daniel Tudhope 90**
3 (12) 944 **MENELAUS 32** M & D Easterby 3-9-10 **Joanna Mason 83**
4 (1) -417443 **ALBEGREY 22 (D)** T Easterby 3-9-10 **David Allan 92**
5 (11) 5-11450 **HA LONG BAY 77 (D)** A Keatley 3-9-9 **Ryan Sexton (5) 86**
6 (6) 34-1658 **ROYAL REGENT 67 (P;CD)** R Smith 10-9-8 **Patrick Mathers 93**
7 (7) 5404614 **ENGLES ROCK 44 (P;CD)** L Russell 6-9-8 **Paul Mulrennan 89**
8 (8) -254568 **JOMONT 28 (P)** M Dods 5-9-7 **Connor Beasley 88**
9 (5) 3143123 **COBRA KAI 21 (BF,C,D)** K Dalgleish 3-9-6 **Billy Garritty 97**
10 (14) 4331222 **MONHAMMER 1** L Perratt 4-9-4 **Mark Winn (7) 97**
11 (9) 6606821 **STAR OF ST JAMES 22 (D)** R Fahey 5-9-0 **Oisin Orr ●99**
12 (4) 2132114 **RETIREMENT BECKONS 22 (BF,CD)** L Perratt 7-8-13 **Harry Russell (3) 92**
13 (3) 26325845 **MAC AILEY 1 (B;D)** T Easterby 6-8-9 **Duran Fentiman 90**
14 (10) 723761U **BOBBY SHAFTOE 43 (B)** J Goldie 4-8-9 **Amie Waugh (5) 93**

BETTING: 5-2 Alpine Sierra, 7 Albegrey, Frog And Toad, 10 Ha Long Bay, Menelaus, 11 Retirement Beckons, Monhammer, Cobra Kai, Star Of St James
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 4
2021: Havana Go 6-8-7 Andrew Mullen 16-1 (I Jardine) drawn 1, 13 ran.

5.20 TENNENT'S LAGER HANDICAP (5); value to the winner £3,996; 1m 5f. (15 runners)

1 (3) 1315532 **GIFT OF RAAJ 13** R Fell 7-10-2 **Ben Curtis 94**
2 (2) 2843231 **RED BOND 13 (P)** K Dalgleish 6-9-13 **Callum Rodriguez 98**
3 (8) 1351234 **GRACES QUEST 49 (BF)** J Goldie 4-9-12 **Paul Mulrennan 91**
4 (6) 487 **AIN'T NO SUNSHINE 16** K Dalgleish 6-9-12 **Oisin Orr 83**
5 (11) 0-72131 **SHIMMERING SANDS 29** M & D Easterby 3-9-11 **Shane Gray ●99**
6 (13) 0-87636 **EBONY MAW 48** E Whillans 5-9-11 **Rowan Scott 89**
7 (1) 2415792 **BRAZILIAN BEACH 17 (B★;BF)** T Easterby 3-9-8 **Tom Eaves 94**
8 (15) 3252423 **BELLE OF ANNANDALE 39** K Dalgleish 3-9-8 **Jason Hart 91**
9 (9) 0-44223 **MISTER CAMACHO 21** M & D Easterby 3-9-7 **Connor Beasley 97**
10 (5) 1117864 **FLYING MOON 28 (C)** R Smith 6-9-6 **Kevin Stott 84**
11 (12) 8308734 **ECLIPSE DE LUNAR 28 (B★,T;CD)** T Easterby 4-9-6 **David Allan 79**
12 (7) -733267 **TAXMEIFYOUCAN J15 (V)** K Dalgleish 8-9-1 **Billy Garritty 87**
13 (4) -473222 **VALLEY OF FLOWERS 16 (H;BF)** J Coward 4-8-11 **Joanna Mason 94**
14 (14) 8555316 **AIGHEAR 17** J Goldie 4-8-11 **Amie Waugh (5) 87**
15 (10) -053644 **PENELOPEBLUEYES 34** A Keatley 3-8-4 **Andrew Mullen 83**

BETTING: 9-2 Shimmering Sands, 7 Graces Quest, Gift Of Raaj, Red Bond, 15-2 Mister Camacho, 10 Flying Moon, Eclipse De Lunar, Belle Of Annandale
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: abd 3 4 2 1
2021: Eclipse De Lunar 3-9-7 David Allan 2-1 Fav (T Easterby) drawn 2, 13 ran.

TEMPLEGATE

1.25 .... Transfer Affection
2.00 .... Don't Fight It
2.35 .... Bolt Action
3.10 .... Gale Force Maya (nb)
3.45 .... Admirality
4.20 .... Temper Trap
4.50 .... Mac Ailey
5.20 .... Belle Of Annandale

TOM PEPPER

1.25 .... Pureness
2.00 .... Jm Jungle
2.35 .... Kerindia
3.10 .... My Eyes Adore You
3.45 .... MUSIC SOCIETY (nap)
4.20 .... Temper Trap
4.50 .... Albegrey
5.20 .... Shimmering Sands

TEMPLEGATE'S TRIO: Strawberry Belle (Newbury) and Gale Force Maya (double, Ayr) with Mahrajaan (Newbury).
TOM PEPPER: Music Society (Ayr) and Millies Mite (Newton Abbot). **SUNRATINGS' NAP:** SAM COOKE (4.35 Newbury). **SIRIUS, Sun On Sunday, nap:** MOKTASAAB (4.35 Newbury).

■TIC-TAC: L-H oval course of 1m 4f, 1m 3f races start on a chute, straight 6f track. ■DRAW: Middle to high best in sprints, low best on round course. ■TOP TRAINERS (2017-2022): J Goldie 48-509, K Dalgleish 42-480, R Fahey 35-317, R M Smith 31-249. THIS SEASON: J Goldie 15, R M Smith 8, T Easterby 6. ■TOP JOCKEYS (2017-2022): P Mulrennan 41-255, D Tudhope 37-218, B Curtis 27-171, K Stott 25-175. THIS SEASON: P Mulrennan 16, D Allan 6, D Tudhope 6. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Ascot Adventure (3.45); 848 miles. ■TRAINERFAX: R Fahey won 2.00 in 2015, 2020 & 2021. K R Burke won 3.10 in 2019 & 2021. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: None. ■JACKPOT: 1-6. ■LIVE ON RACING TV

TEMPLEGATE

★ **STRAWBERRY BELLE** (2.53 Newbury, nap) looks a tasty bet. She improved plenty when a close-up fourth in a decent maiden at Newmarket last time. Stepping up from six furlongs looks ideal and she can get off the mark on handicap debut.

★ **GALE FORCE MAYA** (3.10 Ayr, nb) is in cracking form and was a decisive winner in this Listed company at York. This drop in trip holds no fears and she will be hard to stop again.

★ **MAHRAJAAN** (4.35 Newbury, treble) ran easily his best race of the season when third at York latest. He's back off the same mark with every chance.

E-W THIEF

HAVE an Ayr ew double. DO I DREAM (4.20) came from a long way back for second at Thirsk last time. Pair her with ALBEGREY (4.50), who hit the front too soon at Carlisle and couldn't last up the hill. It was still a good effort in third.

BOX CLEVER

■**HOT TRAINERS:** S & E Crisford 8 wins from 20 runners; J Boyle 6 from 21; H & R Charlton 4 from 15; W Haggas 8 from 37; M Dods 6 from 29; A Haynes 4 from 21; G Boughey 8 from 38; C Cox 7 from 33; J McConnell 4 from 25.
■**HOT JOCKEYS:** T Scudamore 5 wins from 11 rides; J Crowley 6 from 19; J Mitchell 5 from 19; G Lee 8 from 30; F Larson 4 from 19; H Davies 6 from 32; J Hart 7 from 37; D Egan 5 from 25.
■**JOB JOCKEYS: AYR** B Curtis rides Bolt Action (2.35) for R Varian, 3 winners from 8 rides, 38%. **KEMPTON** B Sayette rides Goldsmith (8.15) for D Menuisier, 6 from 14, 43%. N Callan rides Arabescato (7.15) for J Butler, 3 from 8, 38%. **NEWBURY** A Keeley rides Carp Kid (5.05) for J Flint, 3 from 10, 30%. **N ABBOT** G Sheehan rides Nifty Getaway (3.20) for A Watson, 4 from 9, 44%. B Harris rides Mr Yeats (1.35) for M Harris, 6 from 18, 33%.

LONGSHOT

MUSIC SOCIETY (3.45 Ayr) has an ideal low draw and was beaten in a photo at Thirsk last time. This trip is ideal and Tim Easterby's runner will go close again.

LEVEY IN TEST FAIL

By CALLUM JAMIESON

SEAN LEVEY has become the second jockey in a week to face an investigation by the BHA after allegedly failing a drugs test.

The 34-year-old could be hit with a six-month ban after he was informed of the shock news at Sandown on Wednesday, exclusively revealed by Sun Racing.

It's understood Levey took a saliva test at Sandown that came up positive before his only ride on the card.

He has since been stood down by the BHA and missed his rides at Newcastle's Racing League fixture last night.

He has also been taken off all his mounts at Newbury today and has not been booked over the weekend.

The jockey yesterday carried out a B-sample test and is awaiting the results. Levey denies taking any banned substances.

There are a number of explanations for a positive test, including medication and contamination.

He joins fellow rider Marco Ghiani to be banned indefinitely by the BHA as investigations are carried out.

Levey's agent Sash Righton would only confirm Levey (*right*) had been stood down for "medical reasons".

When asked about the absence, his boss, trainer Richard Hannon, said: "I don't know. But he's not injured, you'll have to ask him."

The BHA would not divulge any information on the matter for confidentiality reasons. The only detail comes from Wednesday's Sandown stewards' report. It states Levey was replaced for a reason defined as "other".



ABC CHECK ON THE RUNNERS

KEY: A-Ayr, K-Kempton, Na-Newton Abbot, Nb-Newbury

Acai 1.43Nb
Admirality 3.45A
Aighear 5.20A
Ain't No Sunshine 5.20A
Ajjaj 1.07Nb
Alaskan 1.07Nb
Albegrey 4.50A
Alia Choice 3.10A
Alice Kitty 8.15K
Alnilam 4.40K
Alpha King 7.45K
Alpine Sierra 4.50A
Always Busy 5.00Na
Angel Of Trafalgar 6.15K
Appreciate 3.55Na
Arab Cinder 8.15K
Arabescato 7.15K
Art Of Illusion 1.35Na
Ascending 5.05Nb
Astronomic 4.40K
Aye Aye Charlie 4.30Na
Ayr Poet 4.20A
Bagheera Ginge 2.10Na
Baileys Showtime 5.45K
Ballyare 3.45A
Ballymilan 1.35Na
Barbanera 3.10A
Be Frank 1.43Nb
Beattie Is Back 3.45A
Begin The Luck 3.55Na
Bella Kopella 5.45K
Belle Of Annandale 5.20A
Bellissimo Milan 5.00Na
Beltane 3.45A
Ben Lilly 1.35Na
Benandgone 3.55Na
Berkshire Rebel 4.35Nb
Biburyinmay 4.40K
Big Wing 8.15K
Black Friday 3.45A
Blackbird Power 6.15K
Blenheim Belle 8.15K
Blue Daisy 4.40K
Boarhunt 6.15K
Bobby Shaftoe 4.50A
Bolt Action 2.35A
Braveheart Boy 2.00A
Brazilian Beach 5.20A
Byker 5.10K
Byzantine Empire 2.45Na
C'Est No Mour 4.35Nb
Cabinet Maker 7.45K
Caernarfon 1.25A
Calypso 1.43Nb
Can To Can 2.35A
Canal Rocks 3.55Na
Carp Kid 5.05Nb
Cendrillon 4.40K
Central Hall 4.40K
Charming Berry 5.00Na
Chinese Spirit 4.20A
Chookie Dunedin 3.45A
Ciara Storm 2.18Nb
Claretina 1.25A
Classic 3.28Nb
Classic Order 5.45K
Cobra Kai 4.50A
Come On Paddy Mac 2.10Na
Comme Sea Comme Ca 5.00Na
Corazon 3.10A
Courage Mon Ami 5.10K
Crystallium 2.18Nb
Culture 8.15K
D'jango 4.30Na
Dan Daly 2.10Na
Dance Acclaim 1.07Nb
Dancing Gypsy 1.07Nb
Danzan 3.45A
Dark Trooper 1.43Nb
Day Member 1.25A
Dion Baker 6.45K
Div Ine Tara 3.20Na
Do I Dream 4.20A
Don't Fight It 2.00A
Dream Of Mischief 2.53Nb
Dropskipandump 1.43Nb
Drum Brae Boy 5.45K
Dubai Immo 7.45K
Duty Of Care 5.05Nb
Dynakite 7.45K
Ebony Maw 5.20A
Eclipse De Lunar 5.20A
Eire Street 5.00Na
El Habano 1.07Nb
Elegancia 2.18Nb
Eligius 3.28Nb
Engelbert 1.07Nb
Engles Rock 4.50A
Espinator 1.35Na
Falesia Beach 6.45K
Fast And Loose 3.45A
Fast Medicine 5.05Nb
Fast Trek 1.43Nb
Fierce 1.43Nb
Firebolt 5.10K
Fiscal Policy 6.15K
Floy Joy 5.10K
Flying Barty 2.00A
Flying Moon 5.20A
Flylikeaneagle 4.20A
Fountain Cross 5.05Nb
Frog And Toad 4.50A
Full Intention 6.45K
Further Measure 5.05Nb
Gale Force Maya 3.10A
Galileo Impact 5.10K
Gavin 3.55Na
General Zoff 7.15K
Geni De La Cour 2.45Na
Giddy Aunt 1.43Nb
Gift Of Raaj 5.20A
Global Warning 6.45K
Goblet Of Fire 5.45K
Golden Valour 4.20A
Goldsmith 8.15K
Good Impression 3.55Na
Goolwa 4.35Nb
Graces Quest 5.20A
Granary Queen 6.45K
Granny B 1.25A
Grantley Hall 3.45A
Greycious Anna 1.25A
Group One Power 5.05Nb
Guilded 3.10A
Ha Long Bay 4.50A
Harlem Soul 2.10Na
Hasty Sailor 4.35Nb
Haughty 2.53Nb
Hear Me Roar 4.20A
Heat Of The Moment 4.03Nb
Hexameter 5.10K
High Wells 7.15K
Highbank 3.28Nb
Hines 6.45K
Ho Que Oui 1.35Na
Honour Your Dreams 2.00A
Iato's Angel 1.25A
Ibiza Love 1.25A
Illustrating 3.10A
Imprint 6.15K
Intervention 3.45A
Jack Sparowe 4.40K
Jm Jungle 2.00A
Joey Steel 4.30Na
Jomont 4.50A
Jony Max 1.35Na
Jordan Electrics 3.45A
Jumby 4.03Nb
Kalahari Prince 4.20A
Kattani 5.05Nb
Kay's Light 3.20Na
Kerindia 2.35A
Kessaar Power 1.07Nb
King Cabo 7.45K
King Of The Kippax 8.15K
Knight Of Honour 4.35Nb
Kolisi 3.55Na
L'Air Du Vent 4.30Na
La Mia Dutchessa 5.45K
Lady Jane P 3.20Na
Lady Lavina 1.25A
Lajooje 1.07Nb
Late Arrival 3.45A
Lawn Ranger 5.05Nb
Le Beau Garcon 3.45A
Letterston Lady 5.00Na
Little Ted 4.20A
Looe P Looe 5.45K
Looking For Lynda 2.35A
Lord Street 6.15K
Love Dreams 7.45K
Love Getaway 5.45K
Lullaby Bay 3.10A
Lunchable Bob 2.10Na
Luttrell Lad 7.15K
Mac Ailey 4.50A
Maggie's Way 2.18Nb
Mahrajaan 4.35Nb
Maire's Dream 3.20Na
Many Rivers 1.07Nb
Marie Laveau 2.18Nb
Martha Burell 3.20Na
Mascat 2.45Na
Mattice 3.45A
Melfet 4.40K
Menalippe 5.45K
Menelaus 4.50A
Metahorse 2.53Nb
Mi Capricho 4.20A
Millies Mite 3.55Na
Milltown Star 7.45K
Minella Voucher 4.30Na
Miss Attitude 2.35A
Miss Jeanne Moon 4.30Na
Miss Lightfandango 2.18Nb
Miss Nay Never 3.10A
Mister Camacho 5.20A
Misty Blues 1.25A
Mo Celita 3.10A
Moktasaab 4.35Nb
Monhammer 4.50A
Monica 3.45A
Monsieur Kodi 3.45A
Mountain Road 7.15K
Mr Postman 5.45K
Mr Yeats 1.35Na
Mukha Magic 7.15K
Mumayaz 6.45K
Muminamillion 4.40K
Music Society 3.45A
Must Be Royale 6.45K
Mustazeed 5.05Nb
Mutalaaqy 4.40K
Muy Muy Guapo 1.43Nb
My Eyes Adore You 3.10A
Never Dark 3.45A
New Definition 2.35A
Nifty Getaway 3.20Na
Ninky Nonk 4.20A
Noahthirtytwored 2.45Na
Oh Herberts Reign 5.05Nb
On The Other Hand 1.07Nb
Opening Bid 3.55Na
Opera Forever 2.18Nb
Overstate 8.15K
Paspaley 1.43Nb
Penelopeblueyes 5.20A
Peony 2.18Nb
Perseus Way 5.05Nb
Phoenix Aquilus 7.15K
Piffle 7.45K
Pink Crystal 3.10A
Pink Haze 4.40K
Plastic Paddy 7.45K
Platinum Girl 1.25A
Pons Aelius 7.15K
Por Ti Volare 1.43Nb
Prairie Falcon 2.00A
Premier Option 2.00A
Prenup 6.45K
Prince Of Pillo 2.35A
Pureness 1.25A
Pussycat Eyes 6.15K
Qeyaady 8.15K
Queen Of Ipanema 4.40K
Rajwaan 1.07Nb
Ramazan 2.00A
Raqraaq 7.45K
Ready To Shine 5.10K
Red Bond 5.20A
Red Fort 1.07Nb
Regal Rambler 4.40K
Remarkable Force 2.35A
Retirement Beckons 4.50A
Reward Smile 2.00A
Roaring River 4.40K
Robs Secret 6.15K
Rogue Spirit 2.35A
Rolypolymoly 8.15K
Rose Camira 8.15K
Rowdown Roza 5.45K
Royal Regent 4.50A
Royal Rift 5.05Nb
Sablonne 3.10A
Sacred 4.03Nb
Saleymm 4.03Nb
Sam Cooke 4.35Nb
Sandbeck 3.10A
Sans Of Gold 2.10Na
Sausalito 8.15K
Seantrabh 2.35A
Secret Box 5.05Nb
Secret Solace 2.18Nb
Secretinthepark 3.45A
Separate Ways 2.10Na
Set Point 5.05Nb
Seven Pockets 7.15K
Shandy Star 2.00A
Shimmering Sands 5.20A
Shin Saw Gyi 6.15K
Shine So Bright 4.03Nb
Showman 8.15K
Showtime Mahomes 3.45A
Siamsa 4.03Nb
Silver Lady 2.18Nb
Skallywag Bay 2.18Nb
Sky Power 5.05Nb
Skysail 1.43Nb
Smart Champion 7.15K
Snapcracklepop 7.45K
Snow Girl 1.25A
Solar Orbiter 6.15K
Sonemos 2.18Nb
Sound Of Iona 3.10A
Spirit Of Cahala 6.15K
Stamford Blue 1.43Nb
Star Legend 5.10K
Star Of St James 4.50A
Stately Home 5.05Nb
Stintino Sunset 5.45K
Stonking 5.10K
Stormbuster 3.28Nb
Strawberry Belle 2.53Nb
Summer Sands 3.45A
Sundowner 2.18Nb
Surely Not 2.53Nb
Swashbuckler 7.45K
Tacarib Bay 4.03Nb
Tafreej 1.07Nb
Taravara 7.45K
Tardis 3.10A
Taxmeifyoucan 5.20A
Temper Trap 4.20A
Tenaya Canyon 3.10A
The Composeur 4.30Na
The Parent 2.53Nb
The Thin Blue Line 3.45A
Thunder Moor 2.35A
Tiffany Rose 3.55Na
Tiger Orchid 2.10Na
Time Flies By 2.10Na
Time To Rumble 4.20A
Tipperary Tiger 3.45A
Tippy Toes 3.10A
Torcello 4.35Nb
Tothenines 3.45A
Tough Enough 1.07Nb
Tradesman 5.10K
Trailblazer 5.05Nb
Transfer Affection 1.25A
Trilby 1.43Nb
Twilight Revenge 6.45K
Ulysses Princess 2.18Nb
Union Court 2.35A
Union Joy 5.45K
Unsung Hero 6.45K
Valley Of Flowers 5.20A
Vecchio 1.43Nb
Vee Sight 5.05Nb
Velvet And Steel 8.15K
Ventura Flame 3.10A
Verdansk 1.07Nb
Vince Lombardi 3.45A
Vitalline 7.45K
Wadi Bani 1.07Nb
Wandering Rocks 4.35Nb
Wannabe Brave 5.10K
Waterloo Sunset 5.05Nb
What A Whopper 1.43Nb
Wilde And Dandy 5.45K
Woe Betide 6.15K
Wrap Your Wings 3.20Na
Wyoming 2.18Nb
Ya Know Yaseff 3.20Na
Yellow Bear 4.20A
Zumaaty 4.20A

RACING RESULTS CHECK

AYR

1.20: 1 CHUZZLEWIT K Stott (11-10 fav); **2 Beyond Reproach** (18-1); **3 Vortigan** (40-1). 14 ran. hd; 1¼l. K Ryan. T: £2.10; £1.10, £4.10, £5.20. Ex: £23.50. Trifecta: £370.20. CF: £24.83.

1.50: 1 HI ROYAL K Stott (evens fav); **2 Power Of Gold** (10-3); **3 Reidh** (4-1). 10 ran. 2¼l; hd. K Ryan. T: £2; £1.10, £1.40, £1.60. Ex: £5.70. Trifecta: £13.70. CF: £4.18.

2.25: 1 TRIPLE JAYE D Allan (12-1); **2 Refuge** (14-1); **3 Lady Lade** (25-1); **4 Never Dark** (4-1 fav). 21 ran. ¾l; nk; shd. T Easterby. T: £14.90; £3.10, £3.90, £6.80, £1.70. Ex: £276.40. Tricast: £4168.01. Trifecta: £2408.50. CF: £164. NR: Eternal Halo.

3.00: 1 YORKSHIRE LADY J Mason (18-1); **2 Mr Alan** (12-1); **3 Fishable** (33-1). 14 ran (Al Mubhir 3-1 fav). ns; 1½l. M & D Easterby. T: £23.20; £4.60, £4.30, £10.70. Ex: £329.40. Tricast: £6,925.86. Trifecta: £4,006.50. CF: £219.48.

3.35: 1 MISTY DANCER R Hornby (5-2 fav); **2 Smiling Jayne** (13-2); **3 My Little Queens** (4-1). 11 ran. 1l; 1¼l. S & E Crisford. T: £3.50; £1.40, £2.10, £1.70. Ex: £20.30. Tricast: £63.65. Trifecta: £76.60. CF: £18.50.

4.10: 1 TOMMY G T Marquand (17-2); **2 Cisco Disco** (6-1); **3 Professional Widow** (11-4 fav). 8 ran. nk; 3l. J Goldie. T: £9.50; £2.10, £2.10, £1.30. Ex: £56.60. Tricast: £178.98. Trifecta: £269.50. CF: £58.64. NR: Dulla Bhatti, Parys Mountain.

4.45: 1 A BOY NAMED IVY C Beasley (7-4 fav); **2 Devilwala** (9-1); **3 End Zone** (6-1). 8 ran. hd; 2l. M Dods. T: £2.75; £1.20, £2.80, £2.20. Ex: £19.90. Tricast: £77.20. Trifecta: £102.30. CF: £17.95. NR: Bashful, Shimmering Sands.

5.20: 1 MIN TILL C Beasley (16-1); **2 Monhammer** (6-1); **3 Flying Pursuit** (11-1). 13 ran (Timbukone 5-2 fav). 1¼l; nk. M & D Easterby. T: £20.20; £6.10, £1.90, £3.50. Ex: £107. Tricast: £1162.38. Trifecta: £2569.50. CF: £109.46. NR: Novak.

PLACEPOT: £299.80 **Q/POT:** £132.40

PONTEFRACT

1.42: 1 ROUND THE ISLAND M Winn (13-2); **2 Magical Effect** (16-5 fav); **3 Carlton And Co** (11-1). 15 ran. shd; ns. S Whitaker. T: £7.70; £2.10, £1.80, £4.20. Ex: £36.90. Tricast: £204.50. Trifecta: £451.40. CF: £27.97. NR: Captain Vallo.

2.17: 1 HOUGOUMONT D Nolan (11-4); **2 Rez** (7-2); **3 Shine's Ambition** (9-4 fav). 8 ran. shd; ½l. J Camacho. T: £3.75; £1.30, £1.40, £1.20. Ex: £11.80. Trifecta: £30.40. CF: £12.67. NR: Barrolo, My Delilah, Noble Title.

2.52: 1 QUANTUM IMPACT H Crouch (13-8 fav); **2 Hobson Point** (5-1); **3 Derwent Boy** (5-1). 9 ran. 2l; ½l. R Beckett. T: £2.63; £1.20, £1.70, £1.30. Ex: £10.70. Trifecta: £42.50. CF: £10.36. NR: Penny Ghent.

3.27: 1 CARRIGILLIHY S B Kirrane (25-1); **2 Arrange** (6-1); **3 Billy No Mates** (14-1). 10 ran (Hilts 7-2 fav). 1¼l; hd. T Easterby. T: £26; £4.50, £2.30, £2.60. Ex: £234.10. Tricast: £2210.66. Trifecta: £3078.30. CF: £169.78. NR: Amalfi Bay.

4.02: 1 INTERNATIONAL GIRL C Murtagh (9-1); **2 Another Romance** (6-4 fav); **3 Anadora** (22-1). 8 ran. hd; 1¼l. R Fahey. T: £10; £2.50, £1.10, £5.20. Ex: £30.10. Tricast: £293.74. Trifecta: £329.30. CF: £22.41.

4.37: 1 INFINITI A Brookes (10-3 fav); **2 Flint Hill** (9-1); **3 Wynford** (9-2). 13 ran. ½l; nk. K Frost. T: £4.34; £2, £3, £2.20. Ex: £34.70. Tricast: £139.57. Trifecta: £124.40. CF: £34.95.

5.10: 1 POKER FACE H Crouch (9-4); **2 Firth Of Clyde** (6-5 fav); **3 Chantico** (7-1). 10 ran. 3½l; shd. S & E Crisford. T: £3.30; £1.30, £1.10, £2. Ex: £7.10. Trifecta: £20. CF: £5.30. NR: Topomania.

5.40: 1 GAINSBOURG P J McDonald (11-2); **2 Shahnaz** (14-1); **3 Mr Trick** (28-1). 15 ran (Give It Some Teddy 11-4 fav). 2½l; hd. E Bethell. T: £7.20; £2.30, £3.70, £9.10. Ex: £109.60. Tricast: £2053.27. Trifecta: £1650.30. CF: £80.96. NR: Freddy Robinson.

PLACEPOT: £34.10 **QUADPOT:** £19.60

YARMOUTH

1.35: 1 THE SPOTLIGHT KID C Fallon (9-2); **2 Lelabad** (11-4 fav); **3 Little Sunflower** (17-2). 14 ran. 1l; 1¼l. D Ivory. T: £5.50; £1.80, £1.70, £3.30. Ex: £24.30. Tricast: £111.17. Trifecta: £193.20. CF: £17.36. NR: Hi Ho Silver, Khurumbi.

2.10: 1 GLENFINNAN R L Moore (4-6 fav); **2 Maasai Mara** (5-2); **3 Vaguely Royal** (6-1). 7 ran. 2l; 2l. A Balding. T: £1.67; £1.10, £1.70. Ex: £2.80. Trifecta: £6.20. CF: £2.53.

2.45: 1 ANANDA R Havlin (5-4 fav); **2 Pinafore** (7-2); **3 Azure Angel** (6-1). 10 ran. 2l; 4l. J & T Gosden. T: £2.19; £1.10, £1.80, £1.90. Ex: £6.80. Trifecta: £25.60. CF: £5.19. NR: Pastiche - Rule 4, deduct 5p in the £.

3.20: 1 PREMIERE BEAUTY D E Hogan (80-1); **2 Nammos** (2-1 fav); **3 Original Thinker** (12-1). 11 ran. ½l; 2½l. S C Williams. T: £81; £12.70, £1.20, £3.10. Ex: £342.40. Trifecta: £4403.20. CF: £235.94.

3.55: 1 THE GADGET MAN R Ryan (6-4 fav); **2 Traila** (17-2); **3 Praiano** (4-1). 7 ran. shd; 2¾l. R Beckett. T: £2.50; £1.40, £2.70. Ex: £13.50. Trifecta: £59.70. CF: £15.84.

4.30: 1 BELLSTREET BRIDIE R L Moore (5-2 fav); **2 Rozalia** (12-1); **3 Jalea Moon** (11-1). 9 ran. ¾l; 1¼l. M Bell. T: £3.50; £1.40, £2.40, £3.10. Ex: £25.80. Tricast: £280.18. Trifecta: £308.70. CF: £34.02. NR: Spyfall.

5.05: 1 FIRST FOLIO T Fisher (13-8 fav); **2 Aphelios** (15-8); **3 Sir Oliver** (12-1). 9 ran. 1l; 2l. J Ferguson. T: £2.63; £1.20, £1.10, £2.70. Ex: £6. Tricast: £25.08. Trifecta: £28.10. CF: £4.89. NR: Pocket The Profit.

5.35: 1 JADE COUNTRY C Bishop (9-1); **2 Silver Screen** (12-1); **3 Craft In Silk** (22-1). 14 ran (Maokai 5-1 fav). 1¼l; 4l. E J-Houghton. T: £11.70; £3.80, £4.20, £6.80. Ex: £140.10. Tricast: £2300.68. Trifecta: £2514.80. CF: £115.55.

PLACEPOT: £13.30 **QUADPOT:** £7.30

NAAS

2.00: 1 SPIRIT GAL J A Heffernan (9-4 jtfav); **2 American Sonja** (9-4 jtfav); **3 Small Oasis** (20-1). 12 ran. 2l; 2¾l. W P Browne. T: £3.90; €1.70, €1.10, €5.90. Ex: €6.60. Trifecta: €144.30. CF: €7.14.

2.35: 1 BAY OF PLENTY B M Coen (9-1); **2 Pier Pressure** (6-4 fav); **3 Hispanic** (9-2). 10 ran. 1¼l; 1¾l. J P Murtagh. T: €12.20; €2.30, €1.10, €1.90. Ex: €37. Trifecta: €130. CF: €23.89.

3.10: 1 FELIX NATALIS J A Heffernan (7-2); **2 Miami Girl** (10-3 jtfav); **3 Signora Camacho** (10-3 jtfav); **4 Polar Bear** (8-1). 16 ran. 2l; nk; 1¼l. T Dascombe (UK). T: €4.90; €1.80, €1.60, €1.30. Ex: €22.80. Trifecta: €57.80. CF: €16.97.

3.45: 1 WAKAI UMI S Foley (12-1); **2 Mccauley's Tavern** (17-2); **3 Calling All Angels** (5-1). 14 ran (Sioux Sweet 4-1 fav). 1¼l; 1¼l. Ciaran Murphy. T: €16.10; €4.30, €2.30, €2.10. Ex: €199.20. Tricast: €606.02. Trifecta: €1757.30. CF: €111.18.

4.20: 1 AURIFODINA L T McAteer (22-1); **2 Malbay Madness** (7-2 fav); **3 Belatucadros** (22-1); **4 Texas Boy** (14-1). 19 ran. nk; ¾l; 2¾l. J S Bolger. T: €31.30; €1.80, €4.50, €4.40, €6.30. Ex: €167.60. Tricast: €1870.29. Trifecta: €2239.70. CF: €100.50.

4.55: 1 BETTERDAYSRCOMING W J Lee (11-8 fav); **2 Encosta** (9-2); **3 Catherine Of Siena** (11-2). 14 ran. 1¾l; 2l. A Oliver. T: €2.38; €1.10, €1.80, €2. Ex: €9.70. Trifecta: €35.80. CF: €7.78.

5.25: 1 BOLD DISCOVERY S Foley (15-2); **2 Peking Opera** (4-1); **3 Brighter London** (16-1). 11 ran (Navalny 5-2 fav). 2½l; nk. J Harrington. T: €8.50; €1.80, €1.60, €5.40. Ex: €32.80. Trifecta: €714.20. CF: €38.12.

PLACEPOT: €46

CHELMSFORD

5.00: 1 AMASOVA C Planas (15-8 fav); **2 Prince Of Flight** (12-1); **3 Super Julius** (12-1). 11 ran. 1¾l; nk. Alice Haynes. T: £2.88; £1.30, £3.90, £2.60. Ex: £27.10. Tricast: £219.46. Trifecta: £305.10. CF: £26.48.

5.30: 1 HE'S A MONSTER H Doyle (15-2); **2 States Of Thunder** (33-1); **3 Ghassan** (5-1). 9 ran (Chartwell House 10-11 fav). 2½l; 1l. A Watson. T: £8.50; £2, £7.30, £1.80. Ex: £162.90. Trifecta: £4606.50. CF: £212.16. NR: Billaki Mou, Double Down.

6.00: 1 HARRY BROWN H Doyle (15-8); **2 Radio Goo Goo** (11-4); **3 Noah David** (18-1). 10 ran (Appointed One 6-5 fav). ¾l; 1l. D M Simcock. T: £3.20; £1.10, £1.30, £3.20. Ex: £9.50. Trifecta: £51.40. CF: £7.77. NR: Woolhampton.

6.30: 1 LUMACHO D O'Neill (15-8 fav); **2 Senor Pockets** (3-1); **3 Miss Marianne** (14-1). 8 ran. 1l; 1¼l. G Boughey. T: £2.88; £1.30, £1.20, £3.10. Ex: £8.30. Tricast: £56.78. Trifecta: £86. CF: £7.44. NR: Oh Sweet Tabu.

7.00: 1 CITY WALK R Kingscote (2-1 fav); **2 Digital** (17-2); **3 Apollo One** (3-1). 9 ran. 2l; 1½l. S bin Suroor. T: £3; £1.30, £2.50, £1.60. Ex: £20.80. Tricast: £51.33. Trifecta: £100.80. CF: £20.46.

PLACEPOT: £148.90 **QUADPOT:** £9.10

NEWCASTLE

5.45: 1 TRUE COURAGE R Dawson (11-2); **2 Sarsons Risk** (6-1); **3 Fair Star** (8-1). 12 ran (Postmark 9-2 fav). nk; ¾l. M Bell. T: £6.50; £2.10, £2.30, £2.50. Ex: £39.10. Tricast: £265.17. Trifecta: £222.50. CF: £37.96.

6.15: 1 TREGONY S Osborne (9-2 fav); **2 City Runner** (15-2); **3 White Willow** (6-1). **3 Inse Gall** (33-1). 14 ran. 1¼l; ¾l, dht. C Cox. T: Tregony £5.50; Tregony £2.40, City £2.90, Innse £4. Ex: Tregony, City £34.60. Tricast: Tregony, City, White £103.38, Tregony, City, Innse £500.37. Trifecta: Tregony, City, White £122.70, Tregony, City, Innse £564.30. CF: Tregony, City £36.84.

6.45: 1 RAISING SAND S Osborne (40-1); **2 Light Up Our Stars** (14-1); **3 Yaaser** (11-1). 14 ran (Menai Bridge 4-1 fav). 1¼l; 1¼l. J Osborne. T: £48.10; £12.20, £4.10, £4.20. Ex: £1185.40. Tricast: £6644.24. Trifecta: Not won. CF: £524.11.

7.15: 1 BILLY MILL S Osborne (28-1); **2 Eagleway** (40-1); **3 Melody Of Life** (50-1). 13 ran (Out From Under 13-8 fav). ¾l; shd. B Millman. T: £31; £9.90, £11.50, £5.30. Ex: £1224.60. Tricast: £43676.94. Trifecta: Not won. CF: £843.56. NR: Street Kid.

7.45: 1 NEVER JUST A DREAM C Noble (85-40 fav); **2 Glorious Angel** (10-1); **3 Cotai Pearl** (4-1). 10 ran. 2¼l; 1¾l. I Mohammed. T: £3.13; £1.80, £4, £1.70. Ex: £27.40. Tricast: £81.86. Trifecta: £165.40. CF: £24.37. NR: Cuban Rock, Expeditious, Magical Merlin, Yacowlef.

GREYHOUND ROUND-UP

■**HOVE: 10.17 Ballyregan Ebony (nap) (2-5-1) 10.37 Matts Syd (5-6-1) 10.53 Forest Mel (5-1-6) 11.09 Talktomenow (1-5-4) 11.24 Blue Rock Aero (nb) (3-1-2) 11.39 Turna Tina (2-5-3) 11.54 Hollyhill Beanie (4-1-3) 12.09 Sharp Teddy (3-2-1) 12.24 Justin Time (6-2-4) 12.39 Tornaroy Tillie (3-5-6) 12.54 Enchanted Glade (4-3-5) 1.09 Canya Dance (1-6-2) 1.24 Helsinki Jet (5-2-3) 1.39 Harmsworthshalie (1-5-4)**

■**KINSLEY: 11.06 Lotus Bucket (2-3-6) 11.21 Talbot Loon (5-2-1) 11.36 Dunbolg Sunset (nap) (6-5-3) 11.51 Babyidontcare (1-4-5) 12.06 Grumpy Lemmy (3-6-5) 12.21 Tiermana Suzie (nb) (5-3-2) 12.36 Endova Zoey (2-5-3) 12.51 Ramors Romany (4-1-2) 1.06 Coonough Chimes (5-6-3) 1.21 Easy Alan (1-4-2) 1.36 Look Back West (2-1-4) 1.51 Ghetto Survivor (5-3-2)**

■**SWINDON: 11.13 Upthewoodenhill (nap) (1-2-3) 11.28 Mohican Cerys (4-2-5) 11.43 Vegas Flyer (nb) (5-3-2) 11.58 Velvet Storm (6-5-4) 12.13 Ashway Toby (5-4-6) 12.28 Derryfield Dee (3-1-6) 12.43 Ashway Pearl (3-1-4) 12.58 Ballymac Monk (5-6-1) 1.13 Adeles Lilly (2-1-5) 1.28 Moyar Rose (1-4-5) 1.44 Errill Peg (1-4-6) 1.59 Craic Bang Whizz (6-5-1)**

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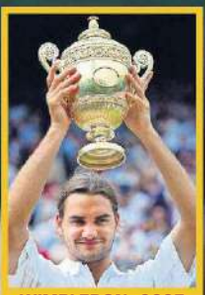
■**NOTTINGHAM: 11.06 Lostock Bluebird 9-2 (5-6-1 BAGS F £27.01 TC £50.99). 11.21 Honour Fatherted 9-1 (5-2-4 £95.26 TC £262.13). 11.36 Honour Kilkenny 4-1 (2-4-6 £14.28). 11.51 Moyar Dawn 4-1 (6-4-2 £33.23 TC £149.32). 12.06 Bling Bling Enda 15-8f (6-3-5 £10.11 TC £34.41). 12.21 Peads News 15-8f (5-3-1 £10.92 TC £21.78). 12.36 Piercestown Gift 4-1 (5-3-2 £22.04 TC £87.39). 12.51 Graystokes Mia 5-2 (6-2-4 £21.06 TC £59.36). 1.06 De Hustler 10-3 (2-4-6 £16.26 TC £38.29). 1.21 Silverside Skye 11-8f (6-4-1 £7.04 TC £27.43). 1.36 Honour Orla 3-1 (1-5-6 £19.85 TC £35.82). 1.51 Gypsum 9-2 (1-4-3 £21.62 TC £53.22).**

■**SHEFFIELD: 11.13 Million Jack 4-1 (3-4-6 BAGS F £19.36 TC £82.02). 11.28 Swift Fairy 7-4 (4-6-1 £10.27). 11.43 Void. 11.58 Difficult Day 10-1 (1-2-5 £44.66 TC £138.46). 12.13 Bansha Jay Dee 7-2 (5-3-2 £14.93). 12.28 Inca Penny Black 2-1f (6-3-5 £14.00 TC £43.51). 12.43 Coologue Ellie 10-3 (4-5-2 £30.92 TC £70.94). 12.58 Sandwood Sal 13-8f (3-6-1 £7.84). 1.13 Burning Love 7-4 (3-1-4 £4.84). 1.28 Swift Emerald 15-8f (4-1-2 £8.58 TC £22.60). 1.44 Yan Tan Tether 5-1 (1-2-3 £24.05 TC £69.34). 1.59 Worsboro Cruise 6-4f (3-5-6 £10.92 TC £27.94).**

FAREWELL FEDERER END

ROGER

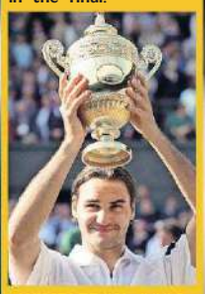
He retires after 20 Slams



WIMBLEDON 2003

JUST two years after stunning Pete Sampras at SW19 to announce his talent to the world, Federer won his first slam title.

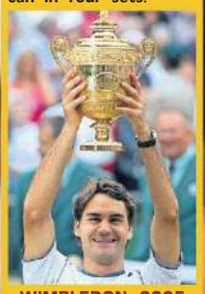
He dropped only one set, to Mardy Fish in the third round, and beat Mark Philippoussis in the final.



WIMBLEDON 2004

NOW World No1, the Swiss star successfully defended his Wimbledon title by winning the first of the three final meetings he would have against Andy Roddick in SW19.

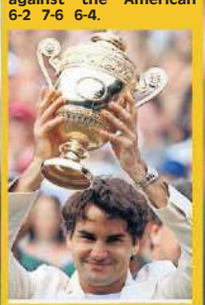
After losing the first set he beat the American in four sets.



WIMBLEDON 2005

HIS third successive Wimbledon crown and once again it was Roddick who Federer defeated in the final. His only dropped set came against Nicolas Kiefer in round three.

He won the final against the American 6-2 7-6 6-4.



WIMBLEDON 2006

FEDERER got his revenge against Rafael Nadal as they met for a second straight slam final.

The Spaniard recovered from a bagel in the first to win the third but could not stop Federer winning 6–0 7–6 6–7 6–3.

TO watch Roger Federer play tennis was always a captivating, enriching experience.

By ROB MAUL



Just like it would have been to have witnessed Pele score a goal in a Brazilian shirt.

Or to be ringside when Muhammad Ali landed a strong right hook on a heavyweight rival.

To walk away from a Federer contest left you with a lasting impression that you had just seen true sporting greatness in action.

A strong sense you had seen someone who was arguably better at his job than anyone else who ever did it.

For some it was the effortlessly way he would strike a ball from near-impossible angles.

For others, it was his extraordinary balletic grace as he glided between the tramlines.

Strip away all the trophies for a minute, it was how Federer made you feel as a paying punter that will leave the greatest impact.

And while, on 20 Majors, he has been left behind leader Rafa Nadal's 22 and Novak Djokovic on 21 in the men's Grand Slam stakes – a race that Fed led for so long – many will argue the case for Federer being the Greatest Of All Time.

But as he intimated in a 842-word statement released yesterday, Federer knows he cannot overcome the challenge of Father Time.

A month after turning 41, there is an acceptance that his body is broken, devastated by knee injuries that have seen him undergo three operations in three years.

Federer, who can speak several languages, is intelligent enough to know he cannot compete for top honours any more.

The sport has moved on, the next generation are taking over.

New world No1 Carlos Alcaraz is, at 19 years old, young enough to be Federer's son.

Tennis was an altogether different sport in 1998 when Federer – who grew up idolising Stefan Edberg – made his professional debut as a petulant, racket-breaking ponytailed teenager.

His breakthrough came at Wimbledon 2001 when he knocked out the defending champion Pete Sampras in the fourth round.

Two years later, he secured his first Wimbledon Championship by beating Mark Philippoussis in the final, starting a period of unrivalled success on the lawns.

Sampras' tally of 14 Majors set 20 years ago was believed to be an unachievable benchmark but Federer single-handedly changed the landscape of men's tennis.

Federer's 20 Majors included eight Wimbledons, six Australian Opens, five US Opens and he completed the career Grand Slam with a solitary French Open in 2009.

Yet the course of history could have been different if Nadal had not famously lost that year in Paris to unknown Robin Soderling in the fourth round.

Though he retires with the fewest Majors out of the Big Three (which includes Nadal and Djokovic), Federer arguably had more fans and attracted the bigger TV audiences.

Even when he



THE SW19 LOVE AFFAIR BEGINS

Federer clinches the Boys singles title at Wimbledon in 1998

FIRST ATP TOUR WIN

The Swiss lifts the trophy after beating Julien Boutter in the Milan Indoors in February, 2001

OF ERA AS LEGEND QUITS

'N OUT

& 103 Tour titles

beat a tearful Andy Murray in the 2012 Wimbledon showpiece, few Brits on Centre Court could muster themselves to jeer him.

Though there were suggestions he exerted his influence behind the scenes at the big events to secure more favourable time slots, Federer otherwise led a scandal-free existence.

Few have any bad words to say. The worst anyone could accuse him of was being a tad smug.

But when you look at the figures, could you blame him for feeling somewhat superior?

On the court he won nearly £114million in career prize money.

Off it, he more than matched that total in endorsements and commercial deals due to his squeaky-clean image. Federer played 1,526 singles matches but never once retired injured and he spent 237 consecutive weeks as world No1.

His tally of 103 titles will remain second in the Open Era behind Jimmy Connors' mark of 109.

In truth, Federer should have won the Wimbledon Championship in 2019 but those two match points he squandered against Djokovic in the longest-ever final continue to haunt him.

As he went on a caravan holiday in Switzerland with his wife Mirka and two sets of twins – which is a lot of nappies to change – he admitted he was a "half-broken" man.

Those lucky enough to have tickets for next week's Laver Cup at London's O_2 Arena will watch Federer for the final time.

Admittedly it is only knock-about-stuff and given that his management team run the exhibition, it will hardly be a physically taxing assignment.

His absence from the sport will leave a gaping hole – just like the departure of Serena Williams at the US Open – and this golden era of tennis might never be replicated.

His last set on the tour was being bagelled by Poland's Hubert Hurkacz in the Wimbledon quarter-finals 14 months ago.

It was not how he would have wanted it to end but then as other sports legends discovered – think of Don Bradman or Usain Bolt – you cannot choose when and how the curtain comes down.

Thanks for the memories, Roger.

GRAND SLAMS

Rafa Nadal (Spa)	22
Novak Djokovic (Ser)	21
ROGER FEDERER (Swi)	20
Pete Sampras (US)	14
Roy Emerson (Aus)	12

HIS GRAND SLAM WINS



Prize money earnings
£113.5m

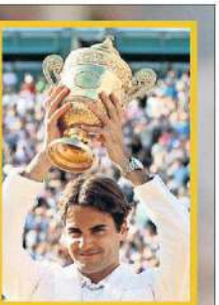
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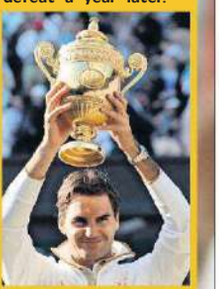
WAVE OF GOODWILL . . . tennis legend leaves Wimbledon for the last time after crashing out of the quarter-final against Hubert Hurkacz in 2021



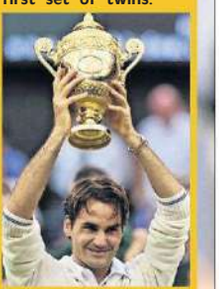
TEARS OF LAST WIN
Star shows his emotions after winning the Swiss Indoors ATP 500 back in 2019



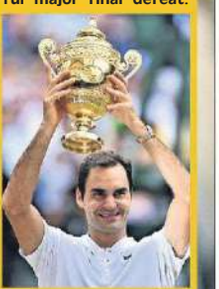
WIMBLEDON 2007
AFTER another French Open final loss to Nadal, Federer got the better of the Spaniard again to make it five successive SW19 titles.
But he needed five sets to do it and the writing was on the wall for his epic defeat a year later.



WIMBLEDON 2009
HIS glorious summer continued with his third Wimbledon final win over Roddick, this time pushing him all the way to 16-14 in the fifth set.
Two weeks later Federer's wife Mirka gave birth to their first set of twins.



WIMBLEDON 2012
FEDERER'S chances of winning another slam title had been written off but he came good at the All England Club once again.
He clinched a seventh Wimbledon crown, handing Murray his fourth and most painful major final defeat.



WIMBLEDON 2017
THE Swiss legend's resurgence continued with a record EIGHTH title at Wimbledon.
He did not drop a set, beating Croatia's 6ft 6in Marin Cilic in the All England final for the loss of just eight games — 6-3 6-1 6-4.



NADAL . . . hails rival

FED

From Back Page

time to end my competitive career. I'll play more tennis in the future but just not in Grand Slams or on the Tour."

Fed will bow out after playing in next week's Laver Cup at London O_2 Arena. He will play alongside Novak Djokovic, Rafa Nadal and Andy Murray as part of Team Europe v a Rest of the World outfit.

Federer, Djokovic and Nadal took the sport to "new levels" in a golden era for the sport and share 63 singles majors between them in 19 years.

Former world No1 Fed said: "It's a bittersweet decision because I'll miss everything the Tour has given me. But, at the same time, there is so much to celebrate.

"I consider myself one of the most fortunate people on Earth.

"I was given a special talent to play tennis and I did it at a level that I never imagined, for much longer than I ever thought possible.

"I was lucky enough to play so many epic matches. We pushed each other and together we took tennis to new levels.

"The last 24 years on Tour have been an incredible adventure."

The 22-time Major winner Nadal, 36, said: "I wish this day would have never come. It's a sad day for me personally and for sports around the world.

"It's been an honour and privilege to share all these years with you, living so many amazing moments on and off the court."

Legend Billie Jean King said: "Roger Federer is a champion's champion."

Andy not night owl

ANDY MURRAY blasted the trend of late finishes in tennis as 'unprofessional'.

It was close to 1am yesterday when Murray and Joe Salisbury were beaten 5-7 6-4 7-5 by the US pair of Rajeev Ram and Jack Sock.

Many fans at Glasgow's Emirates Arena had left long before the end of the Davis Cup tie. At the US Open, Carlos Alcaraz concluded two rounds after 2am.



And Muzza *(right)* said: "Tennis needs to have a think — I don't think it looks very professional."

Britain entertain Holland from 3pm today and then round off the group stage against Kazakhstan on Sunday from 2pm.

EMMA RADUCANU had a medical check last night after suffering a thigh injury during a 7-5 0-6 6-3 second-round defeat by Anna-Lena Friedsam at the Slovenian Open.

AJ's trainer: I fear Fury fight just too soon

By WALLY DOWNES Jr

ANTHONY JOSHUA'S trainer admits his man is taking the Tyson Fury fight too soon.

The Watford hero suffered his second consecutive points defeat by Oleksandr Usyk last month – almost a year after the Ukrainian ripped away his WBA, IBF and WBO world heavyweight crowns.

But rather than rebuild, AJ has agreed to meet WBC king Fury on December 3.

And trainer Robert Garcia admitted: "I personally would prefer two or three fights before the Tyson Fury fight. But Anthony has a smart team around him, so I am sure they will do the right thing. I am sure it would be a great fight, one UK fans need to see.



"I think Anthony has great skills, speed and power and can win the fight but it is not an easy fight."

Joshua's camp have agreed to the December 3 date in Cardiff and accepted a 60-40 purse split in Fury's favour.

The two-time world heavyweight king is already back sparring – with heavy-handed cruiserweight Richard Riakporhe – while his team waits to see the complete contract.

And Joshua *(above)*, 32, may even go to the USA to train with Garcia.

When he picked Garcia to be his new trainer it was on the condition he would work at Joshua's new base at Loughborough University.

But now the American has his ear, he has suggested AJ take a trip to his California gym.

Garcia explained: "I advised him that they should try a camp in California to be around my fighters and my world champions.

"They all push each other to the limit so I think that would help Anthony a lot. They have said they would consider it.

"He only started boxing at 18, so making that move could help him improve so much."

Usyk has now accused Fury of robbing fight fans of a battle for the undisputed crown.

The Ukrainian turned down a December meeting because he wanted some time off – so 34-year-old Fury made his offer to AJ.

Usyk, 35, declared: "Fury is not letting fans see one of the best historical bouts in boxing history. That's his fault. Not mine.

"Fury can fight whoever he wants to fight but, from the standpoint of sportsmanship, of course it's not correct."



Tyson on points

TYSON FURY may have landed an early psychological blow in the build-up to his fight with Anthony Joshua.

The Gypsy King *(above)* scored 993 leathering a punch machine with his so-called 'weaker' left hand.

When AJ appeared on The Graham Norton Show in 2017 he racked up 848, so Fury is ahead on points.

Sleepy Rory's bold as an eagle

RORY McILROY felt half asleep during his Italian Open first round . . . until an eagle finally woke him up!

McIlroy *(left)* was one over after 11 holes at the Marco Simone course which will host next year's Ryder Cup.

But after teeing off on the tenth hole, the world No2 found a spark at the difficult par-four third.

By DAVID FACEY

He smashed a 324-yard drive, then holed his wedge from 115 yards for an epic two. McIlroy added three birdies in the next six holes for a four-under-par 67 to sit a shot behind Ryder Cup team-mate Matt Fitzpatrick.

McIlroy admitted: "Before the eagle I was thinking I shouldn't have stayed up so late last night – I was still half asleep."

GOLF AT WAR

LIV D

Norman: The PGA Tour is trying to destroy us

By DAVID FACEY

GREG NORMAN ripped into the PGA Tour, saying LIV has abandoned any hopes of a peace deal.

The PGA banned all players who have moved to the breakaway circuit, including Open champion Cameron Smith and fellow Major winners Phil Mickelson, Bryson DeChambeau, Dustin Johnson, Brooks Koepka and Sergio Garcia. And LIV chief executive Norman admits the Saudi Arabia-backed golf rebels have now completely lost patience – after being snubbed in their bids to reach a compromise.



Norman *(right)* fumed: "This notion we're trying to destroy tours is not true. The PGA Tour is trying to destroy us – it's as simple as that.

"The PGA Tour has not sat down and had a conversation with myself or any of my investors. We have no interest in sitting down with them now, to be honest with you, because our product is working.

"We tried awfully hard, I know I did personally for the past year.

"When we knew we were never going to hear from them, we just decided to go."

Former Open champion Norman claims LIV's impact so far is summed up by the fact they have four TV networks locked in a bidding war to screen their events.

The rebel tournaments are being screened for free on YouTube at the moment – but Norman added: "The interest coming across our plate right now is enormous.

"We're talking to four networks – live conversations, where offers are being put on the table.

"Because they can see the value of our product. They can see what we are delivering."

The fifth event in LIV's eight-tournament schedule this year starts today in Chicago – and is in direct opposition to the first event of the PGA Tour's new season, the Fortinet Championship at Napa, California.

That started last night, offering £7million in prize money.

That is less than a third of the cash at stake in the LIV event, where there is no cut and even the player finishing last will bank over £100,000.

The winner's cheque for £3.5m in Chicago is greater than the total prize fund on offer at the Italian Open on the DP World Tour, where Rory McIlroy and company are currently chasing their share of a £2.6m pot.

But the bottomless pit of money provided by the Saudis is still not enough to tempt most of the game's top stars.

Former world No1 Jon Rahm, who finished joint second with McIlroy behind Shane Lowry in last week's BMW PGA Championship, took to Twitter to dismiss renewed speculation he would be signing for LIV.

FRENCH FANCIES WIN

BEVAN FRENCH wants to sign off in style if tonight proves to be his DW Stadium swansong.

Wigan v Leeds

8pm sky sports arena

Wigan's Australian ace has been linked with a move to NRL side Newcastle Knights.

And if he does head home, he wants to do so after firing his team into the Grand Final.

Winger French said: "It has been a long process with contract negotiations but I've been pretty laid back about it.

"If it's my last home game, hopefully it's a good end to the year but I really don't know if it is or if it isn't. I came with ambitions to get back into the NRL. I feel like I've unfinished business there and I'm 27 next year – that's getting on as a player.

"But it's a big decision and I'm not rushing into it.

"I'm a better player after being here and I've added that bit of maturity too."

French *(right)* tops Super League's try scorers chart with 31 – not bad for someone playing out of position.

He is usually a full-back but Jai Field's terrific form has prompted the positional switch.

French, 26, added: "When you've someone like Jai, who's been killing it, you've got to roll with these things.

"It all seems to have worked out for the better.

"All I wanted was to get back on the field, that was an aim for me. I wasn't really fussed where.

"I might've been more experienced but Jai's played that position all his life and the times he stood out have not been about the position.

"It has just been down to his individual brilliance."

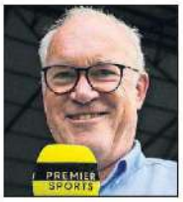


Yorkshire duo deal

YORKSHIRE agreed a settlement with former coaches Andrew Gale and Richard Pyrah after accepting their sackings were 'procedurally unfair'.

The pair lost their jobs in December, along with 14 other staff, as the incoming chair Lord Patel began to deal with the fallout of Azeem Rafiq's claims of institutional racism at the club.

A Yorkshire statement read: "The dismissals of that group of employees was procedurally unfair."



BUTLER . . . iconic voice

Ed dies age 65

By DAVID FACEY

WELSH rugby hero Eddie Butler has died while on a charity fundraiser in South America.

The popular BBC commentator, 65, was in Peru to boost coffers at Prostate Cymru and passed away in his sleep.

Former Wales skipper 'Bamber' was a star for all-conquering Pontypool in the early 1980s.

A statement from the charity said: "Ed was the voice of Wales, we were honoured to have him.

"He leaves behind wife Susan and six children, who are in our thoughts."

Butler's co-commentary pal Brian Moore tweeted: "Sport has lost an iconic voice and I have lost a very dear friend. Goodbye Edward."

Threat to Warriors

By ADAM HATHAWAY

WORCESTER must stump up the cash to put on Sunday's home game with Exeter by noon today — or risk being booted out of the Premiership.

The RFU said they will be suspended from all competitions until they show they can pay for medics and safety staff.

It is understood the club will be kicked out of the league system altogether if they fail.

They owe £14million for a Covid loan and also face a £6m winding-up order from the taxman.

Chiefs will also take a financial hit. Director of rugby Rob Baxter said: "It won't be covered. It is in the tens of thousands."

WSL EMPIRE TO STRIKE BACK?

Princess Leah

STAR ROARS TITLE CRY



BLOCKBUSTER SEASON . . . Gunners ace Williamson is up for trophy fight after Euros win (above)

By SANDRA BROBBEY

LEAH WILLIAMSON is a "big softie" fired up to make Arsenal rulers of the WSL again.

The England skipper became a legend by lifting the Euros trophy this summer at a delirious Wembley.

And that incredible success has put 'fire back in her belly' as the Gunners bid for a first Women's Super League title since 2019.

Arsenal — once the domestic game's dominant force — will launch the new season by hosting Brighton tonight.

Williamson, 25, said: "At the end of last season, because we missed out on the WSL title by the finest of margins, it hurt a lot and tired me.

"To be successful at the Euros has given me fire back in my belly before the season.

"I have now got my motivation back and once you get a taste of winning, you obviously then want some more."

Arsenal's Albion clash sees Williamson, Beth Mead and Lotte Wubben-Moy back in WSL action for the first time since that historic Euros final win over Germany.

And the versatile defender jokingly admitted to dreading the moment she does not reflect on that win at least once a day.

Williamson said: "I'm a big softie. I like fairytale endings and it was very fitting for that tournament to be on home soil at Wembley — so you couldn't have really written it much better.

"Going from the highest of highs back into normal life is still hard.

"I was expecting that. I had plans in place to deal with my own emotions around it. I'm very lucky that I play for a club that I love, so it doesn't feel like a day of work.

"I'm expecting a bit of a rollercoaster of emotions at some points."

Arsenal's season opener comes four days before their two-leg Champions League tie with Ajax as they battle for a group-stage spot.

And the experience of winning a trophy with her country has given Williamson more belief in the Gunners' potential in the competition this term.

The club won 58 trophies between 1992 and 2019, including 15 top-flight titles.

But that incredible run of success has dried up and Williamson added: "We want to be winning things.

"Being so close to the league last season, obviously, we are chasing that and the Champions League is the big one. It's a different game.

"We weren't in it for many years but now we have players who have been in it and are ready.

"Now we want to see how far we can go in that, so that motivates me a lot."

ARSENAL'S MAJOR TROPHY HAUL
(Since 1992)

*League titles	15
FA Cup	14
League Cup	10
Continental Cup	5
Uefa Cup	1
*Super Lge 3 Premier Lge	12

3 teams to watch

ARSENAL
Came agonisingly close last season as Chelsea pipped them by a point.
Star forward Vivianne Miedema extended her deal in May and new signing Lina Hurtig will add more firepower.

CHELSEA
With boss Emma Hayes celebrating her tenth year at the helm, the top-flight titans will be eager to win a fourth successive WSL title.
Have signed five experienced internationals.

MANCHESTER CITY
Gareth Taylor says his team "needs to win the league" this term — but they have lost five of our Euros winners in Georgia Stanway, Lucy Bronze, Keira Walsh, Ellen White and Jill Scott.

3 newbies to watch

RACHEL DALY (Aston Villa)
Signing the Leeds-born star from Houston Dash was a coup.
Played full-back at Euros but may get a shot up front.

KADEISHA BUCHANAN (Chelsea)
Pacy and technically gifted, Canada star won five Champions League crowns with Lyon before her move to London.

VIVIANE ASSEYI (West Ham)
The Irons' swoop for France's ex-Bayern ace left many fans stunned.
Netted 13 times at Bayern last term.

Fixtures

TONIGHT
Arsenal v Brighton 7.30

TOMORROW
Man Utd v Reading 12.0

SUNDAY
Aston Villa v Man City 12.30
(Live on BBC 2)
Leicester v Tottenham 3.0
Liverpool v Chelsea 5.0
(Live on Sky Sports Football)
West Ham v Everton 3.0

TUNE IN TO LIVE FOOTBALL COMMENTARIES

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ASTON VILLA v SOUTHAMPTON
TONIGHT FROM 19:00 (20:00 K.O) talkSPORT

NOTTINGHAM FOREST v FULHAM
TONIGHT FROM 19:00 (20:00 K.O) talkSPORT

SWANSEA v HULL CITY
TOMORROW FROM 12:00 (12:30 K.O) talkSPORT

WOLVES v MAN CITY
TOMORROW FROM 11:00 (12:30 K.O) talkSPORT

NEWCASTLE v BOURNEMOUTH
TOMORROW FROM 14:30 (15:00 K.O) talkSPORT

BRENTFORD v ARSENAL
SUNDAY FROM 11:00 (12:00 K.O) talkSPORT

SPORTS ROUND-UP: RESULTS & FIXTURES

CRICKET

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP FIRST DIVISION

Northamptonshire v Surrey

Northampton: Northamptonshire 339 (89.1 overs; E N Gay 145, R I Keogh 123; K A J Roach 5-95) and 426 (121.2 overs; Saif Zaib 124, R Vasconcelos 79, L Procter 55). Surrey 421 (104.3 overs; H M Amla 133, T K Curran 115; R I Keogh 4-51) and 48-1 (20.3 overs). **Northamptonshire (14pts) drew with Surrey (16pts).**

Warwickshire v Somerset

Edgbaston: Somerset 219 (65.4 overs; L Gregory 60, Sajid Khan 53no; Mohammed Siraj 5-82) and 340-7dec. (121.0 overs; G A Bartlett 111, T B Abell 87). Warwickshire 196 (81.2 overs; S R Hain 67; J A Brooks 4-40) and 256-6 (74.0 overs; A L Davies 58, D P Sibley 54, S R Hain 52no). **Warwickshire (11pts) drew with Somerset (12pts).**

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Surrey	12	7	0	5	44	29	225
Hampshire	12	9	2	1	34	33	217
Lancashire	12	5	1	6	27	33	182
Essex	12	6	2	4	22	28	178
Northants	12	2	3	7	29	30	147
Yorkshire	12	1	4	7	33	29	132
Somerset	12	2	5	5	24	27	123
Kent	12	2	5	5	25	21	115
Warwicks	12	1	5	6	22	30	115
Gloucs	12	0	8	4	24	23	74

SECOND DIVISION

Leicestershire v Durham

Grace Road: Leicestershire 202 (56.0 overs; S Budinger 64; M J Potts 6-52) and 198 (63.5 overs; L Kimber 75; M J Potts 7-49). Durham 296 (91.0 overs; M A Jones 97, N J Maddinson 56) and 108-3 (23.5 overs; M A Jones 50). **Durham (21pts) beat Leicestershire (4pts) by 7 wickets.**

Middlesex v Glamorgan

Lord's: Glamorgan 214 (54.1 overs; C B Cooke 52; R F Higgins 4-59) and 220 (74.5 overs; D L Lloyd 70; T S Roland-Jones 5-61). Middlesex 390 (112.1 overs; M D Stoneman 128, J A Simpson 76, L B K Hollman 58; J A R Harris 5-90) and 45-0 (5.2 overs). **Middlesex (23pts) beat Glamorgan (4pts) by 10 wickets.**

Sussex v Worcestershire

Hove: Sussex 220 (59.2 overs; J J Carson 58, J M Coles 54, F J Hudson-Prentice 51; J Leach 4-37) and 312-6 (95.0 overs; T P Alsop 137no, O J Carter 55). Worcestershire 438-5dec. (100.0 overs; J D Libby 215, E J Pollock 98). **Sussex (10pts) drew with Worcestershire (16pts).**

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Notts	12	7	1	4	41	34	215
Middlesex	12	5	2	5	38	30	188
Glamorgan	12	5	3	4	33	31	176
Derbyshire	12	3	2	7	33	32	169
Worcs	12	3	3	6	33	31	160
Durham	12	2	2	8	35	28	158
Sussex	12	1	5	6	33	24	115
Leics	12	0	8	4	23	25	79

WOMEN'S THIRD TWENTY20

England v India

Bristol: India 122-8 (20.0 overs). England 126-3 (18.2 overs). **England beat India by 7 wickets.** England win series 2-1.

GOLF

DS AUTOMOBILES ITALIAN OPEN (Rome): **1st rnd** (suspended due to darkness, Gbr & Irl unless stated): **67** R McIlroy, A Arnaus (Spa), A Rozner (Fra), S Jamieson, E Pepperell, G Green (Mal), **68** N Hoejgaard (Den), O Bekker (Rsa), **69** A Rai, F Celli (Ita), D Fichardt (Rsa), N von Dellingshausen (Ger), R Roussel (Fra), R Mansell.

LACOSTE LADIES OPEN DE FRANCE, (Deauville): **1st rnd** (Gbr & Irl unless stated): **65** N Nadaud (Fra), M MacLaren, I Laklalech (Mor), **67** L Harm (Ger), C Boutier (Fra), K Spilkova (Cze), Anne-Lise Caudal (Fra), S Soenderby (Den), A Meyssonnier (Fra).

ICE HOCKEY

PREMIER SPORTS CHALLENGE CUP GROUP A - Dundee Stars 2 Fife Flyers 5.

SPEEDWAY

PREMIERSHIP - Peterborough 44 Belle Vue 46, Sheffield 50 King's Lynn 40.

RUGBY UNION

THE RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIP

AUSTRALIA (10) **37 N ZEALAND** (10) **39**

Australia - Tries: Valetini, Kellaway (2), Samu. Cons: Foley (4). Pens: Foley (2), White. New Zealand - Tries: Taukeiaho (2), Mo'unga, Jordan, J. Barrett. Cons: Mo'unga (4). Pens: Mo'unga (2).

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pts
N Zealand	5	3	0	2	2	155	114	14
Australia	5	2	0	3	2	128	154	10
S Africa	4	2	0	2	1	90	78	9
Argentina	4	2	0	2	1	102	129	9

TENNIS

WTA SLOVENIA OPEN (Portoroz): **2nd rnd -** A Friedsam (Ger) bt (1) E Raducanu (GB) 7-5 0-6 6-3; K Siniakova (Cze) bt J Burrage (GB) 7-5 6-1.

WTA CHENNAI OPEN (Chennai, India): **2nd rnd -** K Swan (GB) bt A Gasanova (Rus) 7-6 (7-5) 6-2.

TODAY'S SPORT

GOLF

DS Automobiles Italian Open (Rome).

ICE HOCKEY

Premier Sports Challenge Cup Group C: Manchester Storm v Nottingham Panthers (7.30).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Betfred Super League Semi-final: Wigan v Leeds (8.0).

RUGBY UNION

United Rugby Championship: Benetton Treviso v Glasgow (5.30).

National League 1: Birmingham Moseley v Esher (7.30), Rosslyn Park v Chinnor (8.0).

TENNIS

Davis Cup Finals (Glasgow).

SPEEDWAY

Championship Play-Off, Quarter-Final, 1st Leg: Edinburgh Monarchs v Redcar Bears (7.30).

Mark Irwin

OUR COLUMNISTS ARE THE TALK OF SPORT



Return of El Loco? I should cocoa

COSTA'S LUNACY IS SO WELCOME

GOLDEN OLDIE . . . Costa is nearly 34 but still full of fire and fury

HANDS up who cannot wait to see Diego Costa back in Premier League action.

Because if anyone can make Wolves interesting, it is the Brazilian bruiser who could start a fight in an empty room.

Not since the days of Steve Bull has a player generated this much excitement at Molineux.

It is just a pity that 'El Loco' probably won't be going head to head with human terminator Erling Haaland when Manchester City come calling tomorrow.

But it will only be a matter of time before Costa is ready to be unleashed on quivering defenders.

For even though he is only three weeks short of his 34th birthday and has not kicked a ball in anger all year, there is no way this ferocious competitor is about to change his win-at-all-costs approach to football. And heaven help his opponents when he gets back up to full speed some time after next week's international break.

With Wolves' summer signing Sasa Kalajdzic ruled out by a knee ligament injury, Costa's arrival as a free agent is an absolute godsend for boss Bruno Lage.

Of course, it helps when Jorge Mendes is your agent and also the effective head of recruitment at Molineux.

But plenty of other teams were offered the opportunity to sign the former Chelsea hothead when he ripped up his contract at Atletico Mineiro last December.

And not one of them was prepared to take a risk on a target man with almost 200 career goals to his credit.

But brave Bruno has stepped in where rival managers all feared to tread – and it is not just that snarling pack of wolves who will need a chain to hold them back in the coming weeks. For this is a man who was twice hit with retrospective FA bans during his turbulent time at Chelsea, once for stamping on Liverpool's Emre Can and the other for clawing at the face of Arsenal's Laurent Koscielny.

The Spanish FA suspended him for eight games when he allegedly told a referee that he was going to defecate on his prostitute mother after Atletico Madrid lost to Barcelona.

Charming.

And Brazilian manager Luiz Felipe Scolari accused Costa of "destroying the dream of millions" when he turned his back on the national team to claim Spanish citizenship.

This is the man, don't forget, who celebrated Mineiro's domestic double last December by driving around the streets in a tractor.

So don't expect anything less than full-on lunacy when he runs out for the 11th different club of his much-travelled career.

Welcome back, Diego.

We've missed you.

FORMULA IS ALL WRONG

FORMULA ONE'S ability to shoot themselves in the foot was on show again at weekend.

The Italian Grand Prix finished behind the safety car and Max Verstappen won a fifth consecutive race – in second gear.

No wonder the pit lane is awash with conspiracy theories when the FIA appear to be making up the rules as they go along.

It is bad enough when these races are decided by the blokes who change the tyres the quickest.

But now it seems that absolutely nobody understands the complicated protocols for restarting races after a yellow flag.

So how long before all those young fans captivated by Netflix's behind-the-scenes documentary series Drive to Survive lose interest in a sport seemingly determined to disappear up its own exhaust pipe?



Eubank's fear

IF anyone fully comprehends the dangers of boxing, it is Chris Eubank Sr.

It was 31 years ago the retired British middleweight star almost ended the life of Michael Watson in a brutal title fight *(left)* which left his opponent in a coma for 40 days and requiring six brain operations.

So when the 56-year-old voices his concerns about his son's clash with Conor Benn next month, surely the whole world should sit up and take notice.

Eubank believes both will be in danger, one because he is dropping too much weight and the other because he will face a much bigger opponent than ever before.

Yet those warnings have been pushed to one side by the promoters, TV rights holders and — to be fair — both fighters.

So now we can only hope and pray Eubank's worst fears are not realised at The O_2 on October 8.

AMONG the many qualifications which new Chelsea boss Graham Potter brings to the job is a Masters degree in Emotional Intelligence from Leeds Beckett University.

Ironically, I have no idea what an Emotional Intelligence course involves. But I would imagine it will come in handy in his dealings with a highly sensitive owner who doesn't take kindly to not getting his own way.



PARLOUR . . . 'tribute'

TINY RAY OF LIGHT

KNOWING how to maintain a sense of decorum following the death of a monarch has proved to be something of a dilemma for sport this week.

For instance, spectators at the Third Test at The Oval were banned from wearing fancy dress as a mark of respect.

But the most moving tribute came from Romford Ray Parlour, who took to social media to raise a Cobra Bomb (a shot of Jagermeister inside a Cobra beer) to Her Majesty.

He explained: "Even if she didn't like Cobra, I'm sure she'll be looking down and saying 'Thanks Ray, I really appreciate that'." He then wished good luck to "King Chiles the Third".

It certainly brought a tear to my eye.

GOOD to see that Eton College ignored the FA's blanket ban on all football last weekend.

The alma mater of Princes William and Harry argued that two games against fellow posh boys Rossall School were pre-season friendlies, so were outside FA jurisdiction.

And as any of the privileged elite will tell you, rules are for other people.

RAT'S IN THE BIN

STILL no sign of Sir Jim Ratcliffe making his highly anticipated move to buy Manchester United from the Glazers.

If he really is Britain's richest man, how come his current football team OGC Nice have been visiting the bargain bin on such a regular basis?

This summer they took Aaron Ramsey and Ross Barkley on free transfers, Nicolas Pepe, Joe Bryan and Mads Bech Sorensen on loan and Kasper Schmeichel for a nominal £800,000.



Not much bling there on the French Riviera.

So United fans dreaming of a billionaire benefactor *(above)* to rival those at City, Newcastle and Chelsea might want to rein in their expectations of the publicity-shy tax exile.

PREM

A VILLA v SOTON

8pm sky sports & talkSPORT

NORTH STAR

Gerrard: I'd get the popcorn out to watch exhibition game

STEVEN GERRARD would love to have played in a Premier League All-Star game.

The Liverpool legend was one of the greatest-ever top-flight players but is now carving out a career as a manager at Aston Villa.

Although Gerro doubts the North v South match – proposed by new Chelsea owner Todd Boehly – will ever happen, he relishes the idea.

He said: "I'd love to see it! I would've loved to have played in it.

"I'd love to watch it though – I'd definitely have the popcorn out for that one. It'd be a good one.

"The North would win it because Liverpool and City are the two strongest teams in the Premier League.

"But I do agree with what I've heard a few other managers say – we've got enough to focus on. There are enough games in the calendar.

"And that's not from a European point of view, so they must be in an even more difficult situation.

"But I know from managing Rangers, if you're invoved in Europe, the last thing you need is another game in the calendar.

"It's a nice idea – one that's outside the box. But, unfortunately, I can't see it happening."

GERRARD . . . intrigued

Ahead of Villa's clash with Southampton tonight, Gerrard reckons Philippe Coutinho is ready to bounce back from the double blow of being dropped by his club and being left out by Brazil.

The playmaker could be recalled against Saints after Gerrard described him as his "top performer" in training this week.

Brazilian Coutinho, who joined from Barcelona in a £17million move in May, has yet to show his best form.

He was left out of the sides that faced Arsenal and Manchester City.

The 30-year-old has also failed to make the Brazil squad for their upcoming internationals against Ghana and Tunisia.

But Gerrard said that Coutinho is using that as the spark that could re-ignite his Villa career.

Gerrard added: "He's had his strongest week this week. That's a combination of coming out of our team and coming out of the Brazil squad.

"Knowing what's inside Phil – the character, the man and the player – I think he's 'sleeves up' at the moment and we've seen that in training. He's been the top performer by some distance.

"That's where we need Phil Coutinho because that's when you see the Phil Coutinho that we love.

"Some of the special things you do in football come on the back of set-backs.

"They come on the back of not feeling good about yourself and resetting and going back to basics and doing the things that gets you a level in the game.

"It's normal in Phil's situation. The unfortunate thing for us is we've had quite a few at the same time really reaching and searching for their top level."

Gerrard has a goalkeeping headache with both Emi Martinez and Robin Olsen missing training yesterday due to an illness and injury respectively.

Third-choice keeper Jed Steer remains out long-term with an Achilles problem.

LIKELY LINE-UPS — ASTON VILLA: Martinez, Young, Konsa, Mings, Digne, Luiz, Kamara, McGinn, Bailey, Coutinho, Watkins.

SOUTHAMPTON: Bazunu, Walker-Peters, Bella-Kotchap, Salisu, Perraud, Maitland-Niles, Ward-Prowse, S Armstrong, Aribo, Adams, Djenepo.

By **GRAHAM HILL**



PHIL YER BOOTS . . . Coutinho yesterday

RALPH HASENHUTTL told Ainsley Maitland-Niles he can get his career back on track at Southampton – by learning new skills.

Maitland-Niles, 25, joined Saints on loan on transfer deadline day after being left in the cold by Arsenal.

Saints boss Hasenhuttl, whose side travel to Aston Villa tonight, said: "He is a very good player on the ball.

"But he has to learn that our game starts when the ball is not with us.

"This is something he has never needed to do at the clubs he was playing in but in our football this is a very crucial part.

"This is something he still has to learn and therefore we are investing our time to make him better."

STEVE NOTT OFF

STEVE COOPER insists the only manager's job on his mind right now is his own!

By **GRAEME BRYCE**

The Nottingham Forest boss, 42, has been linked with the Brighton vacancy as they search for Graham Potter's replacement.

Celtic's Ange Postecoglou has ruled himself out of the running.

And the fact Cooper has entered the final year of his deal without signing a new contract has heightened speculation the Welshman could be tempted away.

He heads into tonight's crunch game against Fulham on the back of three straight defeats, leaving big-spending Forest second from bottom. Asked about the speculation, he said: "There is certainly no truth in it.

"Everyone who knows me knows what working for Nottingham Forest means to me and how important it is, especially after losing a couple of games.

"It matters more to me. That is the only thing on my mind."

Cooper's 22nd summer signing, Serge Aurier, will not play as his visa has not yet been processed.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (likely): Henderson, Worrall, Boly, McKenna, Williams, Yates, O'Brien, Lodi, Johnson, Lingard, Gibbs-White.



CAR DRIVES MIT

MARCO SILVA reckons new Fulham signing Carlos Vinicius can make Aleksandar Mitrovic even better.

By **JACK ROSSER**

Silva's star Serb has followed up last season's 43 Championship goals started with six in six Premier League games this term.

The Fulham boss believes ex-Tottenham forward Vinicius *(left)*, who joined from Benfica for £4.5million, can spur on Mitrovic.

Silva said: "It is important he has the competition from Carlos.

"But it is not just competition, sometimes we can play them together."

Vinicius, 27, was one of four new faces on deadline day, with full-back Layvin Kurzawa, Dan James and free transfer Willian.

All could be called upon at Nottingham Forest tonight, who made 22 summer signings to Fulham's 11.

Silva says the players brought in at Craven Cottage have given him a nice problem.

He added: "It was clear we needed the numbers but the quality as well.

"I want to have this headache to decide the XI every time."

FULHAM (likely): Leno, Tete, Adarabioyo, Ream, Kurzawa, Reed, Palhinha, Reid, Pereira, James, Mitrovic.



RESPECT . . . Rangers' tribute

No Gers Royal rap

By MARTIN LIPTON

RANGERS dodged a rap for playing the national anthem before Wednesday's game against Napoli.

But Celtic have been charged by Uefa and face a fine for an anti-monarchy banner waved by fans at their Champions League clash with Shakhtar.

Some Bhoys supporters held a banner saying "F* the Crown" in Warsaw.**

Another one referred to Michael Fagan, who got into the Queen's bedroom in 1982, saying: "Sorry for your loss Michael Fagan."

But while Celtic are now in hot water, Gers were cleared despite ignoring Uefa's request not to play the national anthem.

British clubs at home were told that pre-match protocols would be scaled down, with the Champions League song not played.

But Uefa decided not to get involved after Rangers flouted the rules.

Caicedo is Pott on

BRIGHTON star Moises Caicedo claimed it would be "a dream" to join Graham Potter at Chelsea.

New Blues boss Potter, 47, left the Seagulls for Stamford Bridge last week after the West Londoners sacked Thomas Tuchel — and Caicedo could follow.

Caicedo, 20, said: "It made me very sad he left for Chelsea, because he helped me a lot.

"Nobody would turn down an offer from Chelsea or a club like that.

"It'd be a dream to be in the best teams in the world and succeed there."

Sport

A VEGAS consortium want to buy Prem side Bournemouth.

Owner Maxim Demin is thought to be weighing up whether to sell, with the US investors ready to pay £150million.

SHORT

It's Andy for Ince

ANDY CARROLL has rejoined Reading on a short-term contract.

The former Liverpool and Newcastle striker, 33, agreed a four-month deal and is available for tomorrow's trip to Wigan.

Carroll scored twice in eight games for the Royals last season and had been training with them again.

Boss Paul Ince said: "A striker of his prowess gives us power and presence and I'm sure that will translate into goals.

"I can see the positive influence he will have."

SPORTS ROUND-UP: RESULTS & FIXTURES

UEFA EUROPA LEAGUE GROUP A

ARSENAL P PSV P
(To be played Thursday 20 Oct).

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Avdijaj 81

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bodo/Glimt	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Arsenal	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
PSV	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Zurich	2	0	0	2	2	4	0

GROUP B

DYN KIEV (0) 0 AEK LARNACA (1) 1
Gyurcso 8

RENNES (0) 2 FENERBAHCE (0) 2
Terrier 52
Majer 54
Kahveci 60
Valencia 90 (pen)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Fenerbahce	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
Rennes	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
AEK Larnaca	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Dynamo Kiev	2	0	0	2	1	3	0

GROUP C

REAL BETIS (2) 3 LUDOGORETS (1) 2
Luiz Henrique 25
Joaquin 39
Canales 59
Despodov 45
Rick 74

ROMA (0) 3 HJK (0) 0
Dybala 47
Pellegrini 49
Belotti 68

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Real Betis	2	2	0	0	5	2	6
Ludogorets	2	1	0	1	4	4	3
Roma	2	1	0	1	4	2	3
HJK	2	0	0	2	0	5	0

GROUP D

BRAGA (0) 1 U BERLIN (0) 0
Vitor Oliveira 77

U S GILLOISE (1) 3 MALMO FF (1) 2
Burgess 17
Teuma 69
Boniface 71
Ceesay 6
Thelin 57

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Braga	2	2	0	0	3	0	6
U S Gilloise	2	2	0	0	4	2	6
Union Berlin	2	0	0	2	0	2	0
Malmo FF	2	0	0	2	2	5	0

GROUP E

SHERIFF (0) 0 MAN UTD (2) 2
Sancho 17
Ronaldo 39 (pen)

R SOCIEDAD (1) 2 O NICOSIA (0) 1
Guevara 30
Sorloth 80
Bruno 72

GROUP F

MIDTJYLLAND (2) 5 LAZIO (0) 1
Paulinho 26
Kaba 30
Evander 52 (pen)
Isaksen 67
Sviatchenko 72
Milinkovic-Savic 57

FEYENOORD (4) 6 STURM GRAZ (0) 0
Jahanbakhsh 9, 41, 53
Hancko 31
Danilo 34
Gimenez 66
Idrissi 78

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Feyenoord	2	1	0	1	8	4	3
FC Midtjylland	2	1	0	1	5	2	3
Lazio	2	1	0	1	5	7	3
Sturm Graz	2	1	0	1	1	6	3

GROUP G

KARABAKH (0) 3 NANTES (0) 0

OLYMPIAKOS (0) 0 FREIBURG (2) 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Freiburg	2	2	0	0	5	1	6
Karabakh	2	1	0	1	4	2	3
Nantes	2	1	0	1	2	4	3
Olympiacos	2	0	0	2	1	5	0

GROUP H

MONACO (0) 0 FERENCVAROS (0) 1

TRABZONSPOR (1) 2 R S BELGRADE (0) 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ferencvaros	2	2	0	0	4	2	6
Trabzonspor	2	1	0	1	4	4	3
Monaco	2	1	0	1	1	1	3
R S Belgrade	2	0	0	2	1	3	0

EUROPA CONFERENCE LEAGUE
GROUP A

RIGAS FS (0) 0 HEARTS (1) 2
Shankland 43 (pen)
Forrest 90

ISTANBUL (0) 3 FIORENTINA (0) 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Istanbul	2	2	0	0	7	0	6
Hearts	2	1	0	1	2	4	3
Rigas FS	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
Fiorentina	2	0	1	1	1	4	1

GROUP B

SILKEBORG (1) 2 WEST HAM (3) 3
Kusk 5
Tengstedt 75
Lanzini 13 (pen)
Scamacca 25
Dawson 38

FCSB (0) 0 ANDERLECHT (0) 0

GROUP C - Hapoel Beer Sheva 1 Villarreal 2, Lech Poznan 4 Austria Vienna 1.

GROUP D - Cologne 4 Slovacko 2, Partizan Belgrade 1 Nice 1.

GROUP E - AZ 4 Vaduz 1, Apollon Limassol 1 Dnipro 3.

GROUP F - Djurgarden 3 Molde 2, Gent 3 Shamrock Rovers 0.

GROUP G - CFR Cluj 0 Sivasspor 1, Slavia Prague 3 Ballkani 2.

GROUP H - FK Zalgiris Vilnius 0 Basel 1, Pyunik 2 Slovan Bratislava 0.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

PREMIER LEAGUE
Aston Villa v Southampton..... 8.0
(Live on Sky Sports Main Event)
Nottm Forest v Fulham 8.0

FA WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE
Arsenal v Brighton 7.30

THE PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN PREMIER: Bishop's Stortford v Avele (7.45).

EUROPA LEAGUE

SHERIFF

So nice to Siu, Ron

CRIS A HERO BY CHANTS

CRISTIANO RONALDO may be on the last lap of a glorious career — but the appreciation for him has not dimmed.

In this footballing outpost of Chisinau, he was the star attraction once again.

Scoring a penalty for his first Europa League strike, the whole ground seemed to join in and shout out 'Siu' as he celebrated by jumping to the sky, arms outstretched.

Seeing Ronaldo scoring a goal — the 699th of his club career — is still something special for those who do not get to see him live.

Even if they are viewing it through a camera phone, even if it is a penalty.

They do not come along that often nowadays.

That was his first for Manchester United since a 3-0 win over Brentford in May.

The penalty, a second goal of the night for Erik Ten Hag's men, came after a foul by Patrick Kpozo on Diogo Dalot.

There was no question who would take it as soon as the ref pointed to the spot.

The shot was drilled down the middle of the goal with venom — 'Viva Ronaldo'.

Jadon Sancho had shaken off his England

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CRED DEVIL . . . Sancho fires home opener to keep up hot streak and is hailed by team-mates (below)

MATCH STATS

Sheriff		Man Utd
11	Shots	8
2	Shots on target	4
32%	Possession	68%
293	Passes	627
3	Touches in opposition box	23
2	Corners	4
14	Fouls conceded	12
2	Yellow cards	0
0	Red cards	0

GROUP E

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Real Sociedad	2	2	0	0	3	1	6
Man Utd	2	1	0	1	2	1	3
Sheriff	2	1	0	1	3	2	3
Omonia Nicosia	2	0	0	2	1	5	0

699 CRISTIANO RONALDO scored the 699th goal of his club career, with Sheriff the 124th side he's netted against in all competitions. It was also his first ever goal in the Europa League.

5 MANCHESTER UNITED have won five of their last six games in all competitions (L1) — as many victories as they had registered in their previous 21 matches combined (W5 D7 L9).

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0 MAN UNITED 2

SANCHO 17; RONALDO (PEN) 39

By NEIL CUSTIS

disappointment from earlier in the day with the opener.

He was ignored once again by boss Gareth Southgate, who named his squad for upcoming Nations League games against Italy and Germany.

He has not appeared for England since a World Cup qualifier against Andorra in October last year.

Yet while his form in his first season with United did not warrant a call, Ten Hag has got him ticking again.

Can Southgate ignore him if he continues this form up until the final squad is named in November?

This was his third goal in six appearances after also netting in their 2-1 win against Liverpool and grabbing the game's only goal at Leicester.

The winger is not just scoring but linking well with his team-mates – as was shown in the build-up.

Cutting into a central position, he exchanged passes with Bruno Fernandes before picking out Christian Eriksen.

The Danish midfielder has been sensational for United since those opening two league defeats.

His chipped return ball was perfect for Sancho but he still had much to do – and did it.

Controlling the ball with his right foot, he flicked it on to his left and shot low back across the goalkeeper.

Sancho celebrated by lifting up personalised shin pads given to him by a young fan.

And he very nearly had the chance to repeat that celebration when found by Eriksen again – but this time his shot was cleared off the line by Stjepan Radeljic.

After United's surprise defeat at home to Real Sociedad in their opening Group E game, this was them back on course.

Ten Hag had made plenty of changes for that game – one of which saw Ronaldo return in Marcus Rashford's absence.

With Sunday's league game against Leeds postponed, this was a chance to play his strongest side but Rashford remains sidelined with a muscle injury so Ronaldo was in.

Following a spirited opening from the Moldovan champions, United just took control.

And Ronaldo looked interested again. Shouting, cajoling, pointing, clapping his hands to tell team-mates to sharpen up if he sensed a dip.

His pace is not what it was and two through balls that would have resulted in goals in the past did not.

Then again, when he chased what looked a lost cause in the second half it brought applause from home fans.

He would also be found back on the edge of his box heading the ball clear when FC Sheriff threatened.

When he was subbed late on, he was applauded by all sides. Fans were just happy to have him here and to say, 'I saw Ronaldo live'.

His return to United has not been the dream finale for him, but can it still be?

Playing at the 10,500-capacity Zimbru Stadium in the Europa League is not what he envisaged just over a year ago.

Playing second fiddle to Rashford is something he may have to get used to as well.

As the Portuguese crossed the pitch to go down the tunnel at the end of the game, he was greeted with cheers.

A young fan who ran on to get a selfie was intercepted. Ronaldo gave him a pat on the cheek – something this lad will not forget in a hurry.

HOW THEY LINED UP

SHERIFF: Koval, Zohouri, Kiki, Radeljic, Kpozo, Diop, Kyabou, Badolo, Ouattara (Pernambuco 73), Atiemwen (Mudasiru 81), Akanbi (Felipe Vizeu 73. Booked: Kpozo, Atiemwen.

MAN UTD: De Gea, Dalot (Shaw 70), Varane, Martinez (Maguire 90), Malacia, McTominay (Casemiro 46), Eriksen, Antony (Garnacho 90), Fernandes, Sancho, Ronaldo (Elanga 81).

SANCHO'S REMINDER

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and week out, that's what I'll do."

Erik ten Hag had said on the eve of the game that he feels Marcus Rashford still has a chance of making the plane to Qatar in November despite missing the last squad before the World Cup through injury. And the United boss clearly feels the same about Sancho.

Ten Hag said: "It's not up to me, it's the England manager I cannot be in his seat.

"But they are progressing. Jadon has got so much potential."

Ten Hag was also delighted with Ronaldo getting on the scoresheet for United for the first time in 455 minutes.

The 37-year-old club legend tried to engineer a move away over the summer.

But after Ron's first-ever Europa League goal, Ten Hag said: "He's totally committed to this project."



SPECIAL RON . . . ice-cool Ronaldo nets penalty to delight supporters

JADON SANCHO has scored three goals in his last six appearances for Man Utd, as many as he had netted in his previous 24 games. Team-mate Christian Eriksen has been directly involved in six goals in his last nine Europa matches (3 goals, 3 assists).

NEXT 4 GAMES

Oct 2	Man City (a)	Prem
Oct 6	Omonia Nicosia (a)	Europa
Oct 9	Everton (a)	Prem
Oct 13	Omonia Nicosia (h)	Europa



MAIN MAN . . . ace Lanzini (left) hails his penalty for 1-1

Moyes' boys in pitch battle

Silkeborg.....2 West Ham.....3

From JORDAN DAVIES in Silkeborg

MICHAIL ANTONIO planned to wear TRAINERS on Silkeborg's treacherous plastic pitch.

West Ham came from 1-0 down to maintain a winning start to their Europa Conference League group – with goals from Manuel Lanzini, Gianluca Scamacca and Craig Dawson.

Striker Antonio was an unused substitute – but warmed up on the pitch and down the touchline wearing AstroTurf trainers. Boss David Moyes voiced concerns pre-match about the state of the surface.

And when asked whether Antonio was planning on ditching proper boots, Moyes revealed: "Yes. That's what he thought he was playing in.

"It was like when you go to PE at school, then everyone has their kit and you are the boy who has forgot his gear.

"Players nowadays wear moulds – but he was wearing AstroTurf shoes.

"I was saying, 'What are you doing?'.

"It was his choice. He felt that was the best footwear for him.

"You want them to wear what they are most comfortable in. I think he would have been allowed.

"It was an artificial surface – but it didn't look correct."

Silkeborg took a shock fifth-minute lead through Kasper Kusk's side-footer.

But, just like they did in their opening victory at home to Romania's FCSB last week, West Ham levelled from the spot thanks to Lanzini – despite the star slipping when making contact with the ball.

It was a dodgy penalty call as Maxwel Cornet fell after a tangle with Tobias Salquist.

By the 25th minute, the comeback was complete thanks to Scamacca's scorching thump into the top corner.

And seven minutes before the break, Dawson – on his first competitive start since May 22 after a pre-season thigh strain – added a third with a glancing header from a corner.

Silkeborg grabbed one back in the 75th minute on a breakaway through Soren Tengstedt – but ultimately fell flat in their search for an equaliser.

Another three goals, another three points in the bag and the knockouts are edging closer in speedy fashion for West Ham, just like when they reached the semi-finals of the Europa League last year.

Yet Moyes will just be relieved to escape Denmark with all of his players still intact after a chastening experience on the slickest and most unforgiving of pitches.

Skipper Declan Rice added: "It was tough, it was slippery and the ball moves really quickly – but we just have to deal with whatever pitch we are given.

"We did well last year in the Europa League, we were out of the group quickly – and we want to do the same here. We want to close the group as quickly as possible.

"We are confident and we are starting to really click as a team."

MATCH STATS

Silkeborg		West Ham
10	Shots	9
4	Shots on target	5
53%	Possession	47%
720	Passes	645
16	Touches in opposition box	16
2	Corners	3
3	Fouls conceded	6
2	Yellow cards	1
0	Red cards	0

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DREAM TEAM

HOW THEY LINED UP

SILKEBORG: Larsen, Sonne, Salquist, Felix, Engel (Klitten 46), Thordarson, Brink, Klynge (Larsen 62), Kusk (Jorgensen 62), Tengstedt, Helenius (Adamsen 62). Booked: Salquist, Klynge.

WEST HAM: Areola, Kehrer, Dawson, Cresswell, Coufal, Lanzini (Coventry 90), Rice (Soucek 63), Emerson, Paqueta (Benrahma 63), Cornet (Fornals 86), Scamacca (Bowen 63). Booked: Cresswell.

ENGLAND SQUAD CALL-UP PUTS, BLOWN

Fry: If Ivan so much as farts,

BARRY FRY celebrated Ivan Toney's England call-up and beamed: "That will cost Brentford."

By GRAHAM NICKLESS

No one was more delighted than Peterborough's director of football when Gareth Southgate picked the in-form Bees striker.

For Fry, who helped launch Toney's career, insisted: "Ivan is perfect for England – on and off the pitch."

Harry Kane may be the first striker in the Three Lions' squad list but Toney's form gave Southgate plenty to consider.

Toney, 26, scored a brilliant hat-trick in his last outing against Leeds – taking his Bees' goal tally to 52 in just 96 appearances.

And Fry, 77, knows the striker better than anybody having made him feel wanted at Posh when he struggled to get games at Newcastle.

And the Peterborough chief said: "Nobody deserves an England cap more than him.

"I am delighted for Ivan and his family and when he plays for England I will be watching with lots of pride."

Fry will also be rubbing his hands with glee when he does – because Peterborough will once again be in the money.

One of the best wheeler-dealers in the business, Fry *(right)* is not shy in admitting he is cashing in on a player who cost him £300,000 from Newcastle just over four years ago.

He would not divulge how much Brentford will have to fork out when he lands that first England cap.

But laughing, Fry said: "We've got a bonus if he spits, farts or f****** giggles!

"We're brilliant with add-ons when we sell a player.

"We've got bonuses for appearances and goals etc.

"And I have to say Brentford are different class in paying up all the clauses, absolutely brilliant."

The Bees shelled out an initial £5million for the ex-Northampton man which will rise to £10m with add-ons. And that move to West London may never have happened had Fry not stood his ground at Posh – and upset his star striker.

Fry explained: "The player, his dad and agent begged me to let him sign for Barnsley when they came in for him.

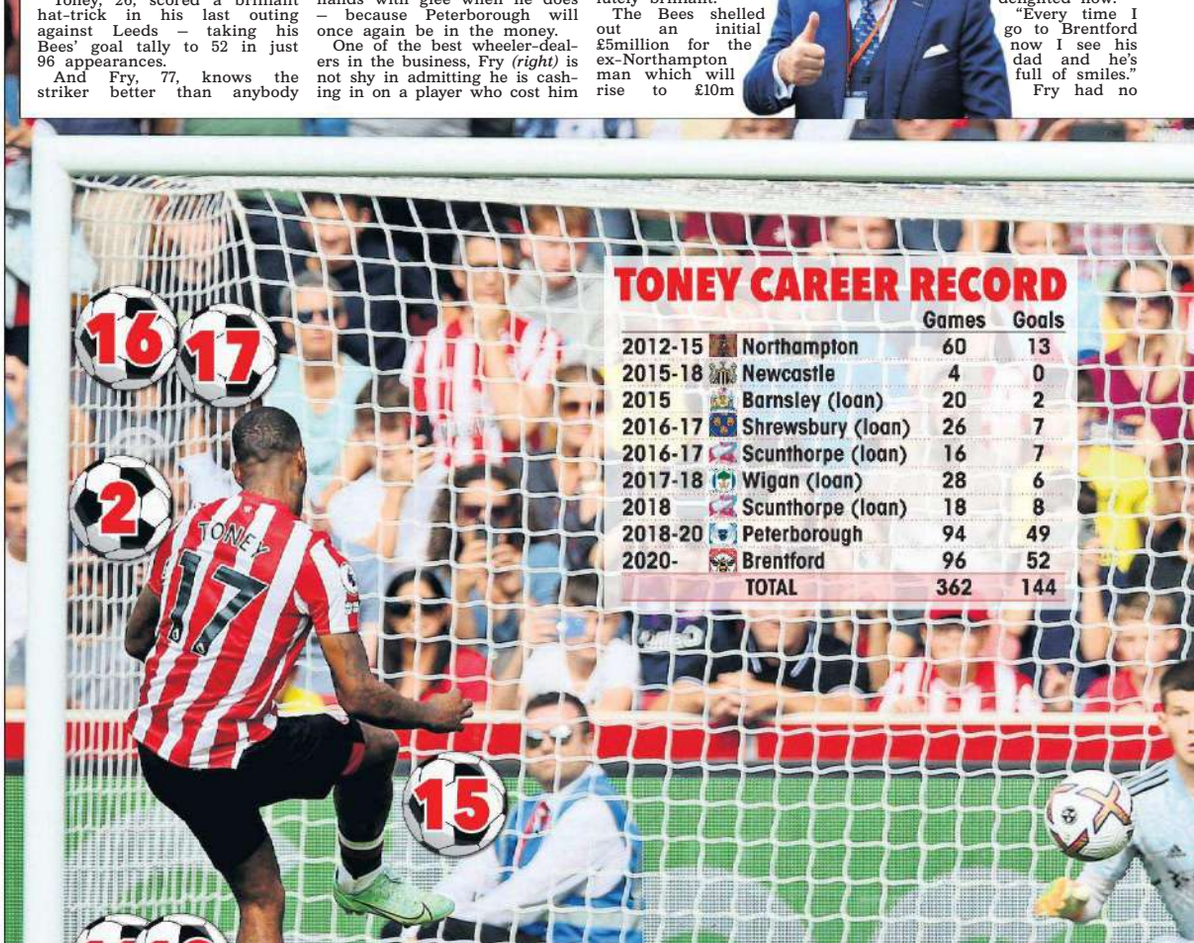
"I told him, 'You want to sack your f****** agent for a start as you're miles better than Barnsley'.

"I also told him, 'I'll make you a millionaire' and I have – and I bet he's f****** delighted now.

"Every time I go to Brentford now I see his dad and he's full of smiles."

Fry had no





TONEY CAREER RECORD

		Games	Goals
2012-15	Northampton	60	13
2015-18	Newcastle	4	0
2015	Barnsley (loan)	20	2
2016-17	Shrewsbury (loan)	26	7
2016-17	Scunthorpe (loan)	16	7
2017-18	Wigan (loan)	28	6
2018	Scunthorpe (loan)	18	8
2018-20	Peterborough	94	49
2020-	Brentford	96	52
	TOTAL	362	144

ENGLAND SQUAD & CAPS

KEEPERS	Nick Pope (Newcastle)	8		
	Aaron Ramsdale (Arsenal)	3		
	Dean Henderson (Nottm Forest)	1		
DEFENDERS	Kyle Walker (Man City)	68	Ben Chilwell (Chelsea)	17
	John Stones (Man City)	58	Trent Alex-Arnold (Liverpool)	17
	Harry Maguire (Man Utd)	46	Reece James (Chelsea)	13
	Eric Dier (Tottenham)	45	Conor Coady (Everton)	10
	Kieran Trippier (Newcastle)	37	Marc Guehi (C Palace)	3
	Luke Shaw (Man Utd)	21	Fikayo Tomori (AC Milan)	3
MIDFIELDERS	Declan Rice (West Ham)	32	ATTACKERS Raheem Sterling (Chelsea)	77
	Mason Mount (Chelsea)	31	Harry Kane (Tottenham)	73
	Kalvin Phillips (Man City)	23	Jack Grealish (Man City)	23
	Jude Bellingham (Dortmund)	15	Bukayo Saka (Arsenal)	18
	James Ward-Prowse (Southampton)	11	Phil Foden (Man City)	16
			Tammy Abraham (Roma)	11
			Jarrod Bowen (West Ham)	4
	CAPS		Ivan Toney (Brentford)	0

It's the finals countdown

GARETH SOUTHGATE warned that England have no time to waste as we count down to the World Cup.

By CHARLIE WYETT

It is now just 66 days until the Three Lions begin their journey in Qatar with an opening group match against Iran.

And manager Southgate has only two games left, against Italy and Germany, before announcing his World Cup squad around November 9.

He revealed his squad for the two Uefa Nations League games yesterday afternoon – and there will have been many looking at this list of 28 players and feeling a bit underwhelmed.

It is not that the national coach made any glaring omissions.

But this group, despite reaching the last four of the World Cup in 2018 and the final of Euro 2020, does not look like a squad capable of being crowned as the finest team on the planet.

There is a myth that Southgate is incredibly fortunate and has been given the finest team in a generation.

This is utter rubbish. There is real quality in this squad, namely Harry Kane, Phil Foden and Jude Bellingham. But the likes of Argentina, Brazil and France will not be quaking in their boots when looking at the list from yesterday.

Southgate, on the back of a 4-0 thrashing at home to Hungary, would also be helped if his players all appeared regularly at club level.

He said: "Reflecting on the last few months, as an international manager you don't have games to quickly put disappointment behind you. We have had a long period to reflect but now we are really looking forward to two high-quality matches that will be a great test for us – and a crucial part of our preparation for the World Cup.

"It is only eight weeks until we will be naming our squad for Qatar, so every minute counts."

The only players not in the squad yesterday who should be in the final 26 to go to the World Cup are the injured trio of Jordan Pickford, Jordan Henderson and Ben White.

Southgate also left the door open for Marcus Rashford, who has enjoyed a decent season for Manchester United.

But because a muscle injury meant he was not considered, the striker must do even better if he is to force his way in.

Equally, if Ivan Toney takes his chance, then Rashford's international mission will become that little bit tougher.

As for Rashford's United team-mate Jadon Sancho, he can now forget about the World Cup.

The winger has 23 caps for England and played well perhaps twice.

Another player we will not see at Qatar, despite decent performances for Leicester, is midfielder James Maddison.

Lucky to be in the squad is Liverpool's Trent Alexander-Arnold.

One reason is because of injuries to full-backs Kyle Walker and Luke Shaw.

For Southgate, the most important thing is that the players he favours play regularly in the Premier League.

Because, as he stressed, the World Cup really is around the corner now.

ENGLAND FIXTURES

NATIONS LEAGUE

SEPT 23 – Italy (San Siro)

SEPT 26 – Germany (Wembley)

GROUP A3	P	W	D	L	Pts
Hungary	4	2	1	1	7
Germany	4	1	3	0	6
Italy	4	1	2	1	5
England	4	0	2	2	2

WORLD CUP FINALS - GROUP GAMES

NOV 21 – Iran (Khalifa Int'l Stadium)

NOV 25 – USA (Al Bayt Stadium)

NOV 29 – Wales (Ahmad Bin Ali Stadium)

ER, WIND IN TONEY'S SAILS

AWAY!

Posh get a Bees bonus

doubts that Toney would reach the top because of his hard work and temperament.

He said: "Look at his stats. His hat-trick against Leeds was superb and he's one of the team's best defenders.

"Basically, he's an out-and-out centre-forward — one of a few in this country.

"I can't believe Chelsea and Manchester United, who haven't had a centre-forward, didn't go out and buy him for £60m or £70m in the window.

"They are missing a proper centre-forward and had they got him, he'd have more chances and would flourish more.

"He holds the ball up, brings other players into play, makes chances and scores goals.

"And, just like he was at Peterborough, he's one of Brentford's best defenders when going back into defence."

Toney's slow walk-up penalties have baffled goalkeepers and delighted the fans.

Bees boss Thomas Frank called him the "the world's best penalty taker" after his spot-kick against Leeds.

Fry added: "He didn't take them like that at Peterborough.

"He took a couple but didn't have the run-up he has now."

Fry also knows Toney's character can be a big help in the dressing room.

He revealed: "He's a great asset in lifting other players.

"His character was so good, we made him captain a few times — he's got everything.

"What I love about him as well is he's a lovely lad, too."

Toney is a real family man and it was the family spirit at Peterborough which tempted him to move from Newcastle.

The striker *(right)* made just two appearances in front of the Toon Army and was loaned out twice to Barnsley and Scunthorpe and once to Shrewsbury and Wigan.

Fry, who has worked at Posh for 26 years as manager and director of football, added: "Toney just wanted somewhere he could call home again after leaving nearby Northampton.

"When he came down I told him, 'Listen mate, you will love it here because I will stick you where everybody can see you'."

And that was right up front where Toney bagged 40 goals in 76 appearances — which eventually tempted the Bees to buzz in.





TONEY'S BRENTFORD PENALTIES

Taken	Scored	Success rate
18	18	100%

HIS SPOT-KICK RECORD

SINCE joining Brentford in September 2020, Ivan Toney has taken 18 penalties for the Bees and converted them all.

Our graphic on the left shows where the striker has netted his spot-kicks, with his first for the club against Millwall nearly two years ago and his most recent (18th) against Leeds two weeks ago.

	DATE	OPPONENT	COMPETITION	SCORED
1	Sep 26, 2020	Millwall	Championship	✓
2	Dec 1, 2020	Rotherham	Championship	✓
3	Dec 5, 2020	Blackburn	Championship	✓
4	Dec 15, 2020	Watford	Championship	✓
5	Jan 30, 2021	Wycombe	Championship	✓
6	Mar 12, 2021	Blackburn	Championship	✓
7	Mar 16, 2021	Derby	Championship	✓
8	Mar 20, 2021	Nottm Forest	Championship	✓
9	May 1, 2021	Watford	Championship	✓
10	May 22, 2021	Bournemouth	Championship	✓
11	May 29, 2021	Swansea	Championship	✓
12	Sep 18, 2021	Wolves	Premier Lge	✓
13	Nov 28, 2021	Everton	Premier Lge	✓
14	Feb 5, 2022	Everton	FA Cup	✓
15	Mar 5, 2022	Norwich	Premier Lge	✓
16	Mar 5, 2022	Norwich	Premier Lge	✓
17	Mar 12, 2022	Burnley	Premier Lge	✓
18	Sep 3, 2022	Leeds	Premier Lge	✓



SOUTHGATE . . . Milan

TIME

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they have been, and can be, important for us. It is not a perfect situation but there is still a lot of football before Qatar."

England play Nations League games against Italy in Milan next Friday and at home to Germany three days later before their World Cup finals opener against Iran in Qatar on November 21.

Shaw, although struggling with a foot problem, has made just two starts for Manchester United this campaign.

New Manchester City arrival Phillips, who has had a shoulder issue, has been restricted to three substitute appearances.

Chilwell has started just twice and made four sub appearances for Chelsea.

While Manchester United captain Maguire has only started two Prem games and was a 90th-minute sub for last night's Europa League win against Sheriff Tiraspol.

If Toney, 26, makes his England debut next week, Brentford will have to pay previous club Peterborough a £1million bonus — taking the striker's overall fee to £8m.

Southgate said: "We have been tracking him for a long time.

"His form and his qualities — not only his goal-scoring but his technical ability, build-up play and aerial prowess — give us a different threat."

Spurs defender Eric Dier is back and Marcus Rashford, who misses out this time through injury, could still make it to Qatar.

Dier to be a top Qat

By TOM BARCLAY

ANTONIO CONTE has challenged Eric Dier to secure his Qatar place now he is back in the England squad.

Defender Dier, 28, is selected for the first time since March 2021 as a result of his red-hot form under Spurs chief Conte.

He hopes to add to his 45 Three Lions caps in the upcoming Nations League clashes against Italy and Germany.

Conte said: "When my players are called up to the national teams, we are really proud.

"For Eric, I can only tell him is that this has to be a starting point. He has to gain the possibility to go to the World Cup."

Dier has flourished at the heart of Conte's back three but can also play in a back four.

And Conte added: "We are talking about a player with a lot of versatility."

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LEGEND FEDERER RETIRES



ROGER FEDERER made the 'bittersweet' decision to call time on a glittering 24-year career, saying: 'I'm one of the most fortunate people on Earth'.

The Swiss maestro, 41, has decided to retire after being plagued with knee problems since 2019. Federer *(right)*,

By ROB MAUL

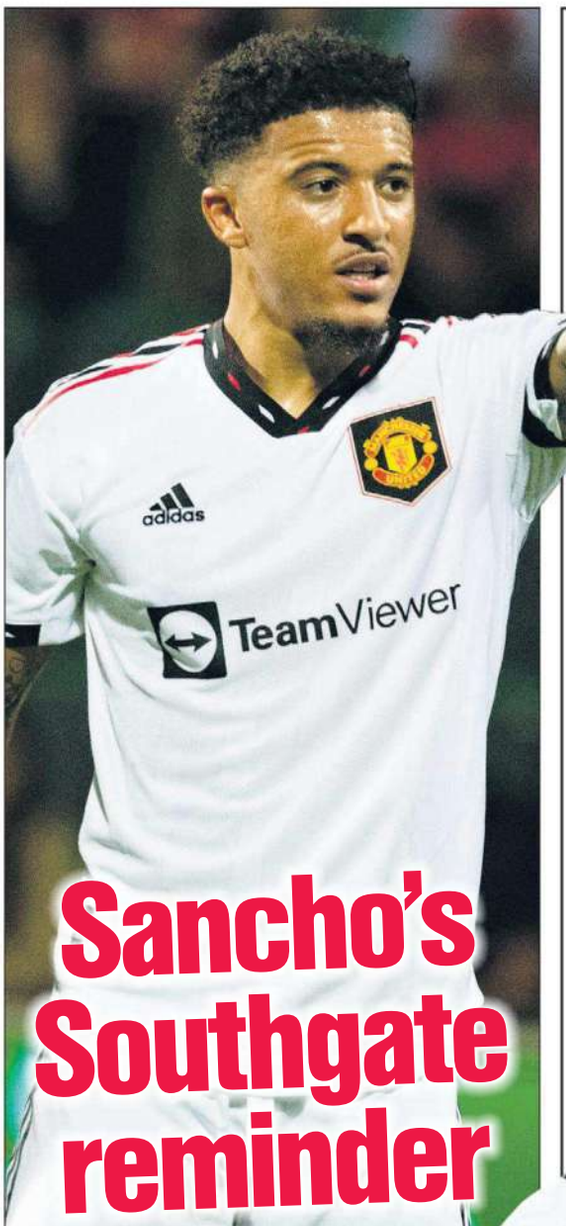
who won EIGHT Wimbledons on the way to 20 Slam titles, said: "The past three years presented me with challenges in the form of injuries and surgeries.

"I've worked hard to return to full competitive form. But I also know my body's capacities and limits, and its message to me lately has been clear.

"Tennis has treated me more generously than I ever would have dreamt and now I must recognise when it is

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ENGLAND COUNTDOWN TO QATAR



SHIN IT TO WIN IT . . . ace Sancho celebrates his goal by showing off a shinpad gift off fan

Time, gentlemen ...please!

Sancho's Southgate reminder

By NEIL CUSTIS

JADON SANCHO provided the perfect response to Gareth Southgate's snub with another goal for Manchester United.

The winger held up his shinpad with a picture of himself on – gifted to him by a young fan – after his third strike in six games.

Sancho, 22, opened the scoring for United before Cristiano Ronaldo hit the 699th goal of his club career with a penalty in a 2-0 Europa League win at Moldova's FC Sheriff.

Earlier in the day, England chief Southgate once again left Sancho out of his squad for the upcoming Nations League clashes against Italy and Germany, despite his recent upturn in form.

FC Sheriff.....0
Man United.....2

Asked if he felt he could still make the World Cup squad, Sancho said: "Yeah, 100 per cent, that is one of the targets.

"It's unfortunate that I didn't get the call-up but I have to just keep focussing on myself and keep on working hard, week in

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GARETH FEAR FOR BENCH BOYS



MISSING OUT . . Shaw, Maguire, Phillips and Chilwell are not club regulars

By CHARLIE WYETT

GARETH SOUTHGATE is worried England's World Cup plans have been hit by his players' lack of Premier League game-time.

The Three Lions boss admits it is "not ideal" that Ben Chilwell, Luke Shaw, Harry Maguire and Kalvin Phillips have struggled to feature this season.

A 28-man squad has been picked for the final two World Cup rehearsals against Italy and Germany – with Brentford striker Ivan Toney getting a first call-up.

Southgate said: "Clearly, we have a number of players who are not playing a lot of minutes with their club. It is not ideal but we feel

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QUEEN ELIZABETH II
1926-2022

Friday, September 16, 2022



Portrait by Chris Levine (artist) Rob Munday (holographer). Commissioned by The Jersey Heritage Trust to commemorate the Island of Jersey's 800 years of allegiance to the English crown. 2004

PART V: HER WISDOM



COVER IMAGE: Equanimity, a 2004 work by UK-based Canadian 'light artist' Chris Levine, commissioned to celebrate the island of Jersey's 800 years of allegiance to the Crown.

The Queen took part in two sittings in which more than 10,000 images were taken and combined into a holographic portrait – the first of Her Majesty.

In 2012, a £100 note was issued featuring the portrait to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

DEC 25 1957

Her Majesty's first televised Christmas Day address, watched by 16.5million people across the UK



'I may seem remote, but...'

Twenty-five years ago my grandfather broadcast the first of these Christmas messages. Today is another landmark because television has made it possible for many of you to see me in your homes on Christmas Day. My own family often gather round to watch television, as they are this moment, and that is how I imagine you now.

I very much hope that this new medium will make my Christmas message more personal and direct.

It is inevitable that I should seem a rather remote figure to many of you. A successor to the kings and queens of history; someone whose face may be familiar in newspapers and films but who never really touches your personal lives.

But now at least for a few minutes I welcome you to the peace of my own home.

That it is possible for some of you to see me today is just another example of the speed at which things are changing all around us.

Because of these changes I am not surprised that many people feel lost and unable to decide what to hold on to and what to discard. How to take advantage of the new life without losing the best of the old.

But it is not the new inventions which are the difficulty. The trouble is caused by unthinking people who carelessly throw away ageless ideals as if they were old and outworn machinery.

They would have religion thrown aside, morality in personal and public life made meaningless, honesty counted as foolishness and self-interest set up in place of self-restraint.

At this critical moment in our history we will certainly lose the trust and respect of the world if we just abandon those fundamental principles which guided the men and women who built the greatness of this country and Commonwealth.

Today we need a special kind of courage, not the kind needed in battle but a kind which makes us stand up for everything that we know is right, everything that is true and honest. We need the kind of courage that can withstand the subtle corruption of the cynics so that we can show the world that we are not afraid of the future.

It has always been easy to hate and destroy. To build and to cherish is much more difficult. That is why we can take a pride in the new Commonwealth we are building.

In the old days the monarch led his soldiers on the battlefield, and his leadership at all times was close and personal.

Today things are very different. I cannot lead you into battle, I do not give you laws or administer justice but I can do something else. I can give you my heart and my devotion to these old islands and to all the peoples of our brotherhood of nations.

I believe in our qualities and in our strength, I believe that together we can set an example to the world which will encourage upright people everywhere.

I would like to read you a few lines from Pilgrim's Progress, because I am sure we can say with Mr Valiant-for-Truth, these words:

"Though with great difficulty I am got hither, yet now I do not repent me of all the trouble I have been at to arrive where I am. My sword I give to him that shall succeed me in my pilgrimage and my courage and skill to him that can get it. My marks and scars I carry with me, to be a witness for me that I have fought his battles who now will be my rewarder."

I hope that 1958 may bring you God's blessing and all the things you long for.

And so I wish you all, young and old, wherever you may be, all the fun and enjoyment, and the peace of a very happy Christmas.

AS THE Queen prepared for her first televised Christmas Speech in 1957, she kept reminding the BBC producer: "I am not an actress."

She knew she had to be herself. And Christmas after Christmas in the decades that followed, she was. But she was also changing the monarchy for ever.

As a young girl, Elizabeth had been told by her Eton tutor Henry Marten that broadcast media was her future.

Little did she know that she would use TV, and later the internet, to effect a royal revolution – ditching the monarchy's "never complain, never explain" mystique – so carefully guarded by her ancestors.



FIRST . . . Queen's televised Christmas speech, 1957

Probably unconsciously, she referred to the coming change in her first Christmas TV address. "It is inevitable that I should seem a rather remote figure to many of you," she said.

"A successor to the kings and queens of history; someone whose face may be familiar in newspapers and films but who never really touches your personal lives.

"But now, at least for a few minutes, I welcome you to the peace of my own home."

It was the start of a national institution. Sitting down to watch the Queen at 3pm became a part of our Christmas Days.

The first royal Christmas broadcast was on radio, in 1932, the Queen's grandfather George V finally giving in after refusing requests from the BBC for ten years. His words were written by Jungle Book author

A television visionary



The Queen's last ever broadcast, from Windsor Castle, eight months after the death of Prince Philip, with their picture alongside



INGRID SEWARD

Rudyard Kipling. Elizabeth's father George VI, overcoming his speech impediment, continued the tradition.

On December 25, 1952, Elizabeth gave her first Christmas speech as Queen, pledging to listeners: "At my Coronation next June, I shall dedicate myself anew to your service.

"I want to ask you all, whatever your religion may be, to pray for me on that day – to pray that God may give me new wisdom and strength to carry out the solemn promises I shall be making and that I may faithfully serve Him and you, all the days of my life."

Her first TV address aired live from Sandringham at 3.07pm. And the Queen later told a friend that she was so nervous that it had "ruined" her family's Christmas.

Unlike her grandfather, the Queen wrote her own scripts, helped by Philip. For the 1957 TV broadcast, he told silly jokes before the cameras rolled to help her relax.

It worked. The broadcast was a triumph. It was seen by 16.5million people and produced more news articles than for any single TV broadcast since the Coronation.

The Queen knew the new technology offered an enormous opportunity to forge a new relationship with the people. And from 1960, her speeches were recorded so they could also go out to the Commonwealth.

Over the seven decades that followed, the Queen constantly returned to her favourite theme: Appealing to the good in humanity.

Her calm, reflective words, often combined with a Christian message, helped steady the country, sometimes during its most troubled times.

In her later years, Queen Elizabeth would even pop up on social media online. She sent tweets and held video conferences.

Although she made thousands of speeches all over the world, the Queen addressed the nation on TV only six times outside of her Christmas addresses.

In 1991 for the Gulf War; in 1997 after Diana's death; in 2002 on the death of her mother; for her Diamond Jubilee in 2012; at the start of the Covid crisis in April 2020, watched by 24million; and on the 75th anniversary of VE Day, May 8, 2020.

It is poignant to reflect after her death that the Queen's final Christmas speech last year was one of her saddest and most personal – a tribute to her beloved Philip who died earlier in the year.

'Life without my beloved Philip'

Although it's a time of great happiness and good cheer for many, Christmas can be hard for those who have lost loved ones. This year, especially, I understand why.

But for me, in the months since the death of my beloved Philip, I have drawn great comfort from the warmth and affection of the many tributes to his life and work – from around the country, the Commonwealth and the world.

His sense of service, intellectual curiosity and capacity to squeeze fun out of any situation – were all irrepressible. That mischievous, enquiring twinkle was as bright at the end as when I first set eyes on him.

But life, of course, consists of final partings as well as first meetings; and as much as I and my family miss him, I know he would want us to enjoy Christmas.



We felt his presence as we, like millions around the world, readied ourselves for Christmas.

While Covid again means we can't celebrate quite as we may have wished, we can still enjoy the many happy traditions. Be it the singing of carols (as long as the tune is well known); decorating the tree; giving and receiving presents; or watching a favourite film where we already know the ending, it's no surprise that families so often treasure their Christmas routines.

We see our own children and their families embrace the roles, traditions and values that mean so much to us, as these are passed from one generation to the next, sometimes being updated for changing times. I see it in my own family and it is a source of great happiness.

Prince Philip was always mindful of this sense of passing the baton. That's why he created The Duke of Edinburgh's Award. It remains an astonishing success, grounded in his faith in the future.

He was also an early champion of taking seriously our stewardship of the environment; and I am proud beyond words that his pioneering work has been taken on and magnified by our eldest son Charles and his eldest son William – admirably supported by Camilla and Catherine – most recently at the COP climate change summit in Glasgow.

Next summer, we look forward to the Commonwealth Games. The baton is currently travelling the length and breadth of the Commonwealth, heading towards Birmingham, a beacon of hope on its journey.

It will be a chance to celebrate the achievements of athletes and the coming-together of like-minded nations.

And February, just six weeks from now, will see the start of my Platinum Jubilee year, which I hope will be an opportunity for people everywhere to enjoy a sense of togetherness; a chance to give thanks for the enormous changes of the last 70 years – social, scientific and cultural – and also to look ahead with confidence.

I am sure someone somewhere today will remark that Christmas is a time for children. It's an engaging truth, but only half the story. Perhaps it's truer to say that Christmas can speak to the child within us all. Adults, when weighed down with worries, sometimes fail to see the joy in simple things, where children do not.

And for me and my family, even with one familiar laugh missing this year, there will be joy in Christmas, as we have the chance to reminisce and see anew the wonder of the festive season through the eyes of our young children, of whom we were delighted to welcome four more this year.

They teach us all a lesson – just as the Christmas story does – that in the birth of a child, there is a new dawn with endless potential.

It is this simplicity of the Christmas story that makes it so universally appealing: Simple happenings that formed the starting point of the life of Jesus – a man whose teachings have been handed down from generation to generation, and have been the bedrock of my faith.

His birth marked a new beginning. As the carol says, "The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight".

I wish you all a very happy Christmas.

Elizabeth

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PART V: HER WISDOM

‘Who do you think you are?’ fumed her mother. ‘The Queen, Mummy. The Queen’



JON MOORHEAD & ELEANOR SPRAWSON



SHE is never, you know, not the Queen.

This description, by a friend, strikes to the heart of the qualities that made her unique.

Quoted by Andrew Marr in his 2011 book The Diamond Queen, it underlines how there has never been anyone like Queen Elizabeth and never will be again.

Her position, and the persona she acquired to fulfil it, affected every relationship she had.

From her earliest memories, she was on show, world-famous. She had no passport, no driving licence, she could not vote, she could never make a casual remark. Her neutrality was baked in, even down to not revealing her favourite things in life.

In public, her thoughts and opinions were usually reduced to mundanities. But there was so much more to the Queen than she ever allowed herself to show.

She had been born into an age when monarchy believed guarding its mystique was essential. And when the modern world changed that, she changed too. But slowly.

Her fearsome grandmother Queen Mary taught her it was “inappropriate for a monarch to smile in public”.

As a youngster, she lectured her sister Margaret on the most important rule at palace garden parties: “If you do see someone with a funny hat . . . you must not point at it and laugh.”

She told a childhood friend she must never be seen to cry. Only in private, a private most people never saw, would the truer Elizabeth reveal herself.

She did not have two personalities; she had a public character and a private character.

Among friends and family, she would show a biting sense of humour, a particular skill at mimicry, a constant sense of fun and a raucous laugh. Her impressions of Tony Blair and Boris Yeltsin were legend. She also did a mean Rene from ’Allo ’Allo.

For years after Michael Fagan broke into her Buckingham Palace bedroom in 1982, she relished repeating her chambermaid’s reaction in a spot-on Yorkshire accent: “Bloody ’ell, Ma’am, what’s ’e doin’ ’ere?”

When wit was scripted, usually on formal occasions, it was dry and deadpan rather than the silliness her family loved.

Two days after being hidden behind a large lectern alongside US president George Bush, she spoke in Washington in 1991 and brought the US Congress house down by starting her speech: “I hope you can all see me today.”

She never got furious but she could be tetchy, and often amusing with it. In a row with her mother as they arrived at a West End theatre, the Queen Mum fumed: “Who do you think you are?” Her daughter replied: “The Queen, Mummy. The Queen.”

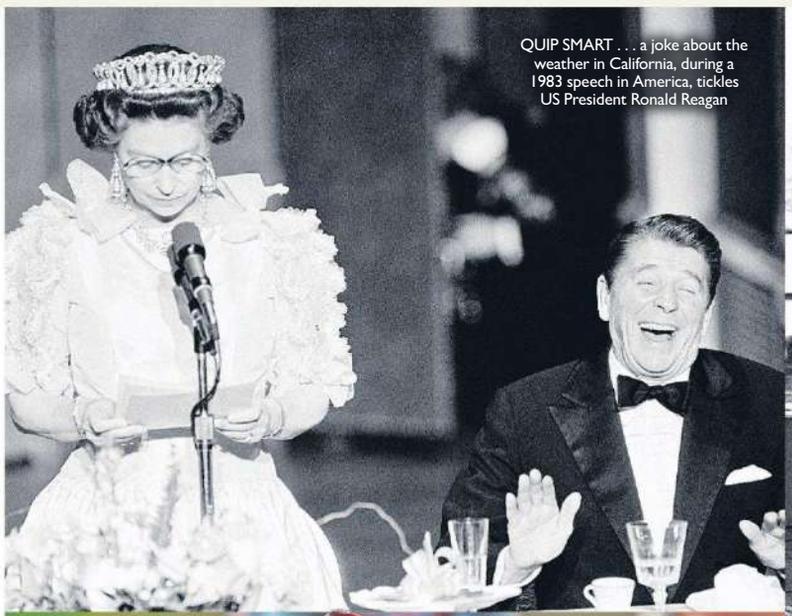
She was “an ethnic minority of one” said historian Ben Pimlott, “a sovereign not a subject, universally known, automatically of interest, requiring respect”. Scripted or overheard, it was always her. Never not the Queen. The monarch and the person were inseparable.

Early in her reign she was nervous and shy, especially with academics and intellectuals, but gradually became more confident and surprised people with her deep knowledge of public and world affairs.

“If you’re the centre of such adulation you never have entirely normal relationships,” said a former lady-in-waiting.

“Even your best friends treat you with a special courtesy.” Despite this, she was more often than not brimming with jollity, positivity and laughter.

In 1977, when a beacon the Queen was due to light to start the Silver Jubilee festivities went up too early, Sir Michael Parker turned to Her Majesty and admitted: “Everything that could possibly go wrong is going



QUIP SMART . . . a joke about the weather in California, during a 1983 speech in America, tickles US President Ronald Reagan



FULL BEAM . . . Queen in gales of laughter, at the Royal Windsor Horse Show, 2015

wrong." The Queen beamed and said: "Oh good. What fun!"

Staff would hear her "guffawing" with Prince Philip when the pair were out of sight, then watched as she snapped back into perfect seriousness the second she came into view.

"You didn't realise she had that hearty laugh," one associate revealed.

Her cousin Margaret Rhodes said: "She sort of expands when she laughs. She laughs with her whole face."

HER smile was as dazzling as her laugh was expansive – but she was worried about her resting face.

"It's awful," she said. "If I'm not smiling, I look cross. But I'm not cross.

"If you try to smile for two hours continuously it gives you a nervous tic. But the moment I stop smiling, someone will see me and say, 'Doesn't she look cross'."

At a party after Charles and Di's wedding, watching a re-run of the ceremony alongside Nancy Reagan and Princess Grace of Monaco, she complained: "Oh, Philip, do look! I've got my Miss Piggy face on!"

During a North America trip in 1951 she told private secretary Martin Charteris: "My face is aching from smiling." On board Britannia in 1976, when the royal yacht ran into a force nine gale on her way from Bermuda to the US, everyone else was turning increasingly green with each lurch of the ship. The Queen, entirely unaffected, exclaimed: "Wheeeee! Wheeee!".

The next morning she could not wait to report to those who made it to breakfast on the status of her husband, an ex-Navy officer and lifelong man of the sea.

She announced: "Philip was not well." Then dissolved into giggles and added: "I'm glad to say."

The following year, Lord Louis Mountbatten recorded an exchange with the Queen after she mentioned her concern that Ugandan dictator Idi Amin might gatecrash a Silver Jubilee ceremony.

"I asked her what she had proposed to do," Mountbatten wrote. "And she said she would use the sword which the Lord Mayor had placed in front of her to hit him hard over the head with." In the first decades of her reign, there were only ever rare flashes of the Queen's sense of humour in public.

For example, giving a speech at London's Guildhall to mark her silver wedding anniversary in 1972, she said: "I think everybody will concede that on this, of all days, I should begin my speech with the words, 'My husband and I'."

Still, she could bring down the house, as she did at a state dinner in San Francisco in 1983 after what had been a very rainy day on her tour.

To roars of laughter from then-President Ronald Reagan, she said: "I knew before we came that we had exported many of our traditions to the United States, but I had not realised before that weather was one of them."

Later in her life, the Queen finally broke free from Queen Mary's sternness-in-public diktat.

In 2012 there was of course her surprise appearance at the London Olympics Opening Ceremony, in a sketch with Daniel Craig as James Bond.

Two years later, at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Her Majesty went viral when she sneaked into the background of a selfie being taken by hockey players Brooke Peris and Jayde Taylor, who posted the photo on Twitter with the line: "The Queen photo-bombed our selfie!"

Then in 2016, it can have been no accident that when the Queen was filmed in her private sitting room at Balmoral for ITV documentary The Queen At 90, a cushion was in the background embroidered with: "It's Good To Be Queen".

It was also said that a Big Mouth Billy Bass fish toy once sat on top of the grand piano at Balmoral.

It looks like an angler's trophy mounted on a plaque, but when someone walks past triggering its motion sensor, the fish twitches and sings Don't Worry Be Happy.

Apparently, it was a gift to the Queen from Princess Anne, and the sovereign had been known to join it in a duet.



LACK OF HIGHNESS . . . at 5ft 3in, the Queen is dwarfed by the lectern during a 1991 speech next to President George Bush at White House



I DO IT FOR YOU . . . Canadian singer-songwriter Bryan Adams was one of 10 people commissioned to take pictures for the 2002 Golden Jubilee. Given 10 minutes for the shoot, he was still setting up when the Queen arrived early. She was amused by his vintage camera, saying: 'I've not seen one of those for years.' He asked her to sit in the chair and she asked him if her wellies were in the photo. When he said yes, she replied: 'Oh good!'

BRYAN ADAMS/Camera Press

■ A GROUP of US tourists were thrilled to come across a tweed-clad local woman while walking around the Balmoral estate, and eagerly asked: "Have you ever met the Queen?" Her Majesty pointed at the policeman who was with her and replied: "No, but he has."

■ WHEN a guest's mobile phone rang just as she was introduced to the Queen at a Palace garden party, the monarch said: "You'd better answer that. It might be someone important."

■ ASKED why she wears bright colours, the Queen said: "If I wore beige, nobody would know who I am."

■ AT the 2016 Chelsea Flower Show, she listened as a herb expert told how Lily Of The Valley used to be used as a poison, then said: "I've been given two bunches this week. Perhaps they want me dead."

■ AN elderly lady spotted Her Majesty coming out of a bakery in Sandringham and exclaimed: "Good heavens, you look just like the Queen!" Her Majesty replied: "How reassuring."

■ AFTER noticing a local dignitary meant to be introducing her to a line of people in Scotland was having trouble getting out of his car, she walked up to the group with hand outstretched and said: "I'd better introduce myself. I'm the Queen."

■ TOLD by an adviser planning her US state visit in 1991 that she would attend a baseball game and be required to pitch the first ball, she fixed him with a deadly stare and replied: "Oh really? Are you sure?"

■ IN an interview with the BBC in 2018, she revealed that when wearing the Imperial State Crown each year at the State Opening of Parliament, it was vital not to look down at the speech "or your neck would break". She added: "There are some disadvantages to crowns . . . but otherwise they're quite important things."

■ DURING a Christmas break at Sandringham in the late Seventies, the Queen was surprised when snappers did not take her photo as she was unloading seven dogs from her car right in front of them. When a policeman explained later that their editors had instructed them not to harass her on her holiday, she said: "I don't know what's worse, being harassed or being ignored."

■ NOTICING that PM Margaret Thatcher had taken a seat for a quick rest during a reception for diplomats at Buckingham Palace, the Queen said: "Oh look, she's keeled over again."

Elizabeth

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Better days will ...we will meet a



DURING her 70-year reign, the Queen faced major crises on three occasions.

Her "annus horribilis" in 1992 saw the marriages of her children Charles, Andrew and Anne all fall apart.

It was also the year Windsor Castle burnt down while politicians were clamouring for the sovereign to pay tax.

Princess Diana's death five years later almost brought down the monarchy, as millions of the Queen's subjects turned on the royals after the tragedy that would profoundly affect William and Harry's future.

And in 2020, the Covid pandemic brought grief to families all over the world.

But on each occasion, the Queen found words of wisdom to quell the impending threats to the monarchy and to reassure her people in times of their own strife . . .



MIKE RIDLEY

COVID BROADCAST, APRIL 5, 2020

I am speaking to you at what I know is an increasingly challenging time. A time of disruption in the life of our country: A disruption that has brought grief to some, financial difficulties to many, and enormous changes to the daily lives of us all.

I want to thank everyone on the NHS front line, as well as care workers and those carrying out essential roles, who selflessly continue their day-to-day duties outside the home in support of us all. I am sure the nation will join me in assuring you that what you do is appreciated and every hour of your hard work brings us closer to a return to more normal times.

I also want to thank those of you who are staying at home, thereby helping to protect the vulnerable and sparing many families the pain already felt by those who have lost loved ones. Together we are tackling this disease, and I want to reassure you that if we remain united and resolute, then we will overcome it.

I hope in the years to come everyone will be able to take pride in how they responded to this challenge. And those who come after us will say the Britons of this generation were as strong as any. That the attributes of self-discipline, of quiet good-humoured resolve and of fellow-feeling still characterise this country.

The pride in who we are is not a part of our past, it defines our present and our future.

The moments when the United Kingdom has come together to applaud its care and essential workers will be remembered as an expression of our national spirit; and its

'ANNUS HORRIBILIS', NOV 24, 1992

1992 is not a year on which I shall look back with undiluted pleasure.

In the words of one of my more sympathetic correspondents, it has turned out to be an 'annus horribilis'. I suspect that I am not alone in thinking it so.

I sometimes wonder how future generations will judge the events of this tumultuous year. I dare say that history will take a slightly more moderate view than that of some contemporary commentators.

Distance is well known to lend enchantment, even to the less attractive views. After all, it has the inestimable advantage of hindsight.

But it can also lend an extra dimension to judgment, giving it a leavening of moderation and compassion – even of wisdom – that is sometimes lacking in the reactions of those whose task it is in life to offer instant opinions on all things great and small.



DOWNCAST . . . at London's Guildhall for her speech

'Inestimable advantage of hindsight'

No section of the community has all the virtues, neither does any have all the vices.

I am quite sure that most people try to do their jobs as best they can, even if the result is not always entirely successful. He who has never failed to reach perfection has a right to be the harshest critic.

There can be no doubt, of course, that criticism is good for people and institutions that are part of public life.

No institution – city, monarchy, whatever – should expect to be free from the scrutiny of those who give it their loyalty and support, not to mention those who don't.

But we are all part of the same fabric of our national society and that scrutiny, by one part or another, can be just as effective if it is made with a touch of gentleness, good humour and understanding.



return again

symbol will be the rainbows drawn by children.

Across the Commonwealth and around the world, we have seen heart-warming stories of people coming together to help others, be it through delivering food parcels and medicines, checking on neighbours, or converting businesses to help the relief effort.

And though self-isolating may at times be hard, many people of all faiths, and of none, are discovering that it presents an opportunity to slow down, pause and reflect, in prayer or meditation.

It reminds me of the very first broadcast I made, in 1940, helped by my sister. We, as children, spoke from here at Windsor to children who had been evacuated from their homes and sent away for their own safety. Today, once again, many will feel a painful sense of separation from their loved ones. But now, as then, we know, deep down, that it is the right thing to do.

While we have faced challenges before, this one is different. This time we join with all nations across the globe in a common endeavour, using the great advances of science and our instinctive compassion to heal. We will succeed – and that success will belong to every one of us.

We should take comfort that while we may have more still to endure, better days will return: We will be with our friends again; we will be with our families again; we will meet again.

But for now, I send my thanks and warmest good wishes to you all.

A ROCK IN TROUBLED TIMES . . . an image from the Queen's Covid broadcast, displayed in Piccadilly Circus, central London, virtually deserted during lockdown

ADDRESS TO NATION, SEP 5, 1997

Since last Sunday's dreadful news we have seen, throughout Britain and around the world, an overwhelming expression of sadness at Diana's death.

We have all been trying in our different ways to cope. It is not easy to express a sense of loss, since the initial shock is often succeeded by a mixture of other feelings: disbelief, incomprehension, anger – and concern for those who remain.

We have all felt those emotions in these last few days. So what I say to you now, as your Queen and as a grandmother, I say from my heart.

First, I want to pay tribute to Diana myself. She was an exceptional and gifted human being. In good times and bad, she never lost her capacity to smile and laugh, nor to inspire others with her warmth and kindness.

I admired and respected her – for her energy and commitment to others, and especially for her devotion to her two boys.

This week at Balmoral, we have all been trying to help William and Harry come to terms with the devastating loss that they and the rest of us have suffered.

No one who knew Diana will ever forget her.

'Diana never lost capacity to smile'



SOLEMN . . . speech live on TV from Buckigham Palace

Millions of others who never met her, but felt they knew her, will remember her.

I for one believe there are lessons to be drawn from her life and from the extraordinary and moving reaction to her death. I share in your determination to cherish her memory.

This is also an opportunity for me, on behalf of my family, and especially Prince Charles and William and Harry, to thank all of you who have brought flowers, sent messages and paid your respects in so many ways to a remarkable person.

These acts of kindness have been a huge source of help and comfort.

Our thoughts are also with Diana's family and the families of those who died with her. I know that they too have drawn strength from what has happened since last weekend, as they seek to heal their sorrow and then to face the future without a loved one.

I hope that tomorrow we can all, wherever we are, join in expressing our grief at Diana's loss, and gratitude for her all-too-short life. It is a chance to show to the whole world the British nation united in grief and respect.

May those who died rest in peace and may we, each and every one of us, thank God for someone who made many, many people happy.


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RATHER than battle armour, the Queen wore a two-piece suit, sensible shoes, an extravagant hat and a warm smile – and won war after war.

A timely speech by Her Majesty, or even a casual word, often did more to help a cause than years of diplomacy or fighting.

Former Foreign Secretary Jack Straw once described her as the epitome of soft power – the kind that is all about influence rather than force.

And his successor, Margaret Beckett, believed that the Queen and the BBC World Service were "Britain's two greatest soft power weapons", according to Robert Hardman's 2018 biography Queen Of The World.

But she did not just ride into battle for Britain or the Commonwealth – she also made powerful contributions on issues ranging from women's equality to the environment.

The Queen understood from the earliest years of her reign that she had the potential to be a force for good in a very different way to her ancestors.

In her Christmas speech in 1957 she noted: "In the old days the monarch led his soldiers on the battlefield, and his leadership at all times was close and personal.

"Today, things are very different. I cannot lead you into battle, I do not give you laws or administer justice but I can do something else – I can give you my heart and my devotion to these old islands and to all the peoples of our brotherhood of nations."

And again and again, despite officially having "no opinion" on politics, she gently let us know exactly where her heart stood with beliefs she held dear.

Sometimes she did not even need to say a thing to have a huge impact – because she knew a photo could often do more than any words.

That was the case during her visit



INGRID SEWARD

to Ghana in November 1961, thanks to the young Queen's dance with President Kwame Nkrumah at a gala ball in her honour.

Elizabeth's visit to the newly independent African nation was seen in Britain in terms of its amazing diplomatic success in keeping Ghana as part of the Commonwealth.

But in stepping on to the dancefloor with Dr Nkrumah in front of the cameras, the canny Queen knew that she was sending a far wider message to the rest of the world.

At the height of the fight for racial equality, particularly in the US, she was about to become the first white monarch ever to dance with a black man.

The resulting images were seen around the world, and as black rights leader Martin Luther King Jr later told Robert Kennedy, the then-US Attorney-General: "That photograph did more for civil rights than a thousand speeches."

Another great display of her political power came on her visit to West Germany in May 1965, timed to mark 20 years since the end of World War Two in Europe.

No British monarch had set foot on German soil since 1913, when the Queen's grandfather George V had travelled to Berlin to attend the wedding of Kaiser Wilhelm II's daughter.

Palace advisers had been anxious about the idea of the trip, fearing it would stir up all the old sneers about the Queen's German heritage, not to mention the Nazi ties of some of Prince Philip's closest relatives.

But Elizabeth knew that her presence could heal wounds.

And in her first speech after her arrival, at the then-presidential palace of Augustusburg at Bruhl, she said exactly what outcast Germany wanted to hear: "This tragic period in our relations is now happily over."

Days later in Koblenz she declared: "For 50 years, we heard too much about the things which have divided us. Let us now make a great effort to remember the things which unite us."

It was a huge turning point, which German historians now count as marking the moment when Germany believed it could take its place back on the world stage.


ARTHUR EDWARDS

HISTORY . . . laying wreath on Dublin visit, 2011

The following year, 1966, she used her Christmas Day message as an opportunity to urge women to make their voices heard, just as feminism was gaining wide attention.

She said: "This year I should like to speak especially to women. In many countries custom has decreed that women should play a minor part in public affairs.

"It is difficult to realise that it was less than 50 years ago that women in Britain were first given the vote, but Parliament was first asked to grant this 100 years ago.

"Yet, in spite of these disabilities, it has been women who have breathed gentleness and care into the harsh progress of mankind.

"The struggles against inhuman prejudice, against squalor, ignorance, and disease, have always owed a great deal to the determination and tenacity of women. It needs a very active concern by women everywhere if this knowledge is to be used where it is most needed. I am glad that in all Commonwealth countries, women are more and more able to use it."

The Queen only gave her opinion in public when she felt she needed to, and another such occasion was during the Falklands War in 1982.

Argentina had invaded the islands in the South Atlantic, and although they were British territory, some had seen Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's decision to go to war over them as a cynical political move.

But at a candlelight banquet for then-US President Ronald Reagan at Windsor Castle in June, just days before Argentina's surrender, the Queen made it known loud and clear that Britain was right to fight.

IN THE middle of a friendly toast about US-UK relations, she declared: "These past few weeks have been testing ones for this country, when once again we have had to stand up for the cause of freedom.

"The conflict in the Falkland Islands was thrust on us by naked aggression and we are naturally proud of the way our fighting men are serving their country."

But it was in the later years of her reign that historians believe the Queen really decided to flex her political strength.

Professor Ninian Mellamphy, of Canada's Western University in London, Ontario, said in 2014: "As I look at the whole reign, ever since 1952, I think that the best decade of her reign has been this one.

"She's been astonishingly effective as a diplomat and as a statesperson."

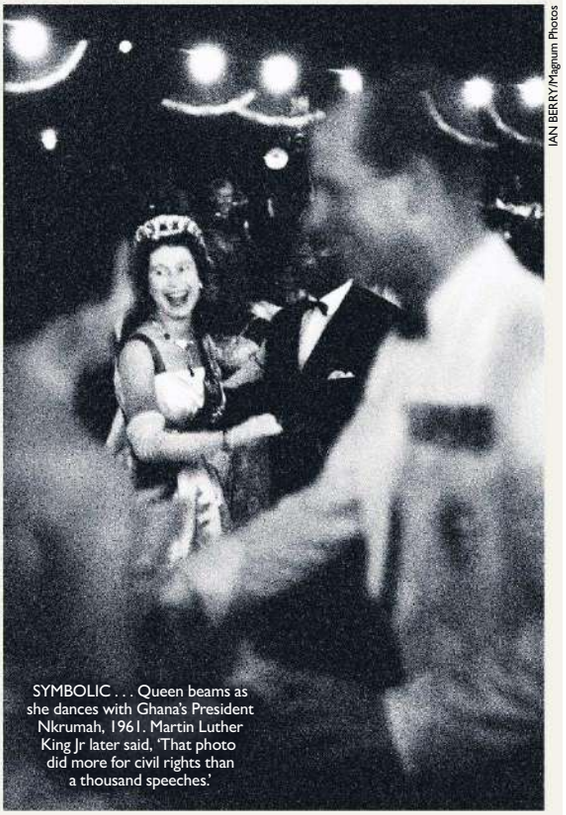
The most spectacular example of this came on her visit to the Republic of Ireland in May 2011.

She was the first British monarch in 100 years to make the trip, and the

Queen of soft power



A TIME TO HEAL . . . the Queen and Prince Philip are driven past the Berlin Wall during a state visit to West Germany, 1965



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SYMBOLIC . . . Queen beams as she dances with Ghana's President Nkrumah, 1961. Martin Luther King Jr later said, 'That photo did more for civil rights than a thousand speeches.'

WHEN a smiling young Queen danced in the arms of the first black African to lead his country to independence, she may have saved the Commonwealth.

ELEANOR SPRAWSON

Dr Kwame Nkrumah had become the first president of Ghana after the country ditched British rule in 1957.

And by the time of her visit in 1961, the socialist country – increasingly under the influence of the Soviet Union – was showing signs of wanting to pull out of Elizabeth's beloved "family of nations" as well.

With other African countries already taking Ghana's lead towards independence, that meant a strong chance they may also have followed it out of the Commonwealth.

And in that case experts feared the Commonwealth could be reduced to a creaky old club for white countries.

Elizabeth knew she had to act.

The trip to Ghana in November 1961 had long been planned, but political turmoil had made its timing risky.

Dr Nkrumah was moving his country towards a one-party socialist state and bombs were going off in capital Accra.

Prime Minister Harold Macmillan told Her Majesty the trip was simply too dangerous.

But Elizabeth knew pulling out could be seen as a snub that would give Dr Nkrumah the ideal excuse to dump the Commonwealth.

She declared to the PM: "I am not a film star. I am the head of the Commonwealth – and I am paid to face any risks that may be involved."

The 35-year-old sovereign, accompanied by Prince Philip, arrived in Accra on November 8, 1961, and the couple were an instant triumph.

Their visit was seen as recognition of Ghana as an equal nation in its own right, rather than a former colony.

Massive crowds greeted them everywhere, including 100,000 who packed into a city square on the second day of their tour.

According to reports at the time, there had only been crowds of that size in Ghana once before – at a free concert in 1956 by jazz musician Louis Armstrong.

Even a local Marxist newspaper hailed Elizabeth as "the world's greatest socialist monarch in history".

That night, at a state dinner at Accra's Ambassador Hotel, Dr Nkrumah lifted his glass and toasted not just the Queen but also the Commonwealth.

In reply, Her Majesty said: "Many people have said many things about this Commonwealth of ours.

"We know it is a group of equals; a family of like-minded peoples, whatever their differences of religion, political systems, circumstances and races.

"We know that in this family group, no member loses one jot of its own sovereignty or individuality."

But it was her dance with the president at a gala farewell ball on November 18 that illustrated this point more than any words could.

The pair took to the floor not for any old colonial dance but for the "High Life", a local Ghanaian shuffle – in harmony, as equals on literally the same footing.

Ghana has remained a passionate member of the Commonwealth to this day.



PIVOTAL . . . Queen at state dinner with President Nkrumah, 1961

first ever to visit since the Republic gained its independence from Britain.

History between the two countries was bloody and fraught – and of course, her own mentor and relative Lord Louis Mountbatten had been killed by an IRA bomb in 1979.

But her trip began with a visit to Dublin's Garden of Remembrance, where she bowed her head as she laid a wreath at the memorial for those who died fighting for Irish freedom.

The next day she walked out on the turf at sports stadium Croke Park, hallowed nationalist ground since 14 people were killed there by British forces during a Gaelic football match 91 years earlier.

Then that evening she gave one of the greatest speeches of her life.

Even the opening words sent spines tingling around the room at the state dinner at Dublin Castle: "A Uachtaráin agus a chairde".

The Irish words for "President and friends" were perfectly pronounced, and in footage of the event you can see President Mary McAleese's jaw literally drop. She then turns to fellow guests and mouths, "Wow".



PLEA . . . Duke and Duchess of Cambridge watch Queen's address to COP26 climate summit, 2021

And it only got better. After briefly talking about the countries' shared values, the Queen launched into the main part of her speech – and as she had done in West Germany more than four decades earlier, she said exactly what needed to be said.

She declared: "It is a sad and regrettable reality that through history our islands have experienced more than their fair share of heartache, turbulence and loss.

"These events have touched us all, many of us personally, and are a painful legacy. We can never forget those who have died or been injured, and their families.

"To all those who have suffered as a consequence of our troubled past, I extend my sincere thoughts and deep sympathy. With the benefit of historical hindsight we can all see things which we would wish had been done differently or not at all."

A little over a year later, in June 2012, the Queen went one step further, shaking hands with former IRA commander Martin McGuinness on a visit to Belfast – who told her, in Irish: "God bless."

On other occasions, her political views were less public but still influential, most famously in her suspicions about the EU.

In the run-up to the Brexit referendum in 2016, The Sun reported that a few years earlier, the Queen had told then-Deputy PM Nick Clegg that the EU was heading in the wrong direction.

A senior source told us: "People who heard their conversation were left in no doubt at all about the Queen's views on European integration. It was really something, and it went on for quite a while."

And during a separate conversation with MPs at a palace reception, the Queen is said to have snapped angrily: "I don't understand Europe."

But the most important subject of all for the Queen as political campaigner apart from the Commonwealth was perhaps the environment, which had been a passion of Prince Philip's since the Sixties.

Her first major speech about it came in 1989, when she broke with tradition to deliver her Christmas address in front of an audience. She was speaking to 2,000 children at the Royal Albert Hall but also to a government she felt was being far too slow to cut pollution, when she said: "It is not too late to reduce the damage if we change attitudes and behaviour. You've all seen pictures of the Earth taken from space.

"Unlike all the other planets in the solar system, Earth shimmers green and blue in the sunlight and looks a very pleasant place to live.

"These pictures should remind us that the future of all life on Earth depends on how we behave towards one another, and how we treat the plants and the animals that share our world with us."

But her most rousing environmental words came in November 2021, in a pre-recorded speech to world leaders at the COP26 climate summit in Glasgow.

The Queen, 95 years old at the time, had been instrumental in pressuring leading statesman to attend the conference.

But she had just been ordered by doctors not to attend the event in person. And so, powerfully and movingly, she invoked her own mortality in order to send a warning about the need to act.

She said: "It is the hope of many that the legacy of this summit – written in history books yet to be printed – will describe you as the leaders who did not pass up the opportunity; and that you answered the call of those future generations.

"That you left this conference as a community of nations with a determination, a desire, and a plan to address the impact of climate change; and to recognise that the time for words has now moved to the time for action.

"Of course, the benefits of such actions will not be there to enjoy for all of us here today: We none of us will live forever.

"But we are doing this not for ourselves but for our children and our children's children, and those who will follow in their footsteps."

And with that, the Queen's soft power left its mark on the world.

Duty...and



MIKE RIDLEY

IN HER first major broadcast on the day she came of age, Princess Elizabeth pledged to serve for the rest of her life.

Be her life long or short, she vowed – during her 21st birthday speech from South Africa on April 21, 1947 – to devote the rest of her days to duty.

In old age, on the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day, she thanked those who had lived through World War Two for their service.

They were the Greatest Generation. They were *her* generation, who set an example to all of us how to pull together in adversity.

Just weeks after her broadcast to the nation during the pandemic in 2020, Covid restrictions had forced long-planned national commemorations for VE Day to be cancelled.

But in a televised address watched by millions of worried people, she reminded us: "Our streets are not empty – they are filled with love."

21ST BIRTHDAY, CAPE TOWN, APRIL 21, 1947

'I shall be devoted to your service'

On my 21st birthday I welcome the opportunity to speak to all the peoples of the British Commonwealth and Empire, wherever they live, whatever race they come from, and whatever language they speak.

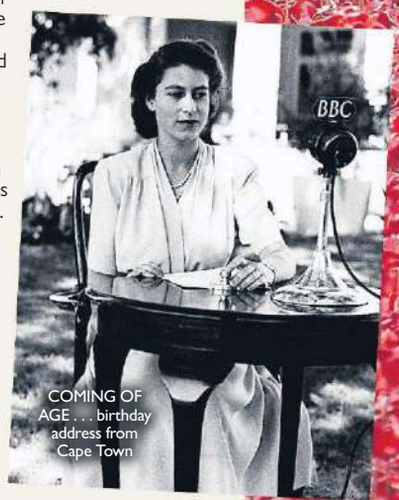
This is a happy day for me; but it is also one that brings serious thoughts, thoughts of life looming ahead with all its challenges and with all its opportunity.

I am thinking especially today of all the young men and women who were born about the same time as myself and have grown up, like me, in terrible and glorious years of the Second World War.

Will you, the youth of the British family of nations, let me speak on my birthday as your representative?

Now that we are coming to manhood and womanhood, it is surely a great joy to us all to think that we shall be able to take some of the burden off the shoulders of our elders who have fought and worked and suffered to protect our childhood.

We must not be daunted by the anxieties and hardships that the war has left behind for every nation of our Commonwealth. We know that these things are the price we cheerfully undertook to pay for the high honour of standing alone, seven years ago, in defence of the liberty of the world.



COMING OF AGE . . . birthday address from Cape Town

Let us say with Rupert Brooke: "Now God be thanked who has matched us with this hour."

I am sure that you will see our difficulties, in the light that I see them, as the great opportunity for you and me. The British Empire has saved the world first, and has now to save itself after the battle is won.

And it is for us, who have grown up in these years of danger and glory, to see that it is accomplished in the long years of peace that we all hope stretch ahead.

If we all go forward together with an unwavering faith, a high courage, and a quiet heart, we shall be able to make of this ancient Commonwealth, which we all love so dearly, an even grander thing – more free, more prosperous, more happy and a more powerful influence for good in the world – than it has been in the greatest days of our forefathers.

To accomplish that we must give nothing less than the whole of ourselves. There is a motto which has been borne by many of my ancestors – a noble motto, "I serve".

Those words were an inspiration to many bygone heirs to the throne when they made their knightly dedication as they came to manhood. I cannot do quite as they did. But through the inventions of science I can do what was not possible for any of them. I can make my solemn act of dedication with a whole Empire listening.

I should like to make that dedication now. It is very simple.

I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong.

But I shall not have strength to carry out this resolution alone unless you join in it with me, as I now invite you to do: I know that your support will be unfailingly given.

God help me to make good my vow, and God bless all of you who are willing to share in it.

JACK HILL/The Times

remembrance

TRIBUTE . . . Her Majesty and Prince Philip visit the Tower of London's poppy installation to mark 100 years since World War One, 2014



BBC STUDIOS EVENTS/AP

GRATITUDE . . . Queen, a photo of her father on her desk, gives her address

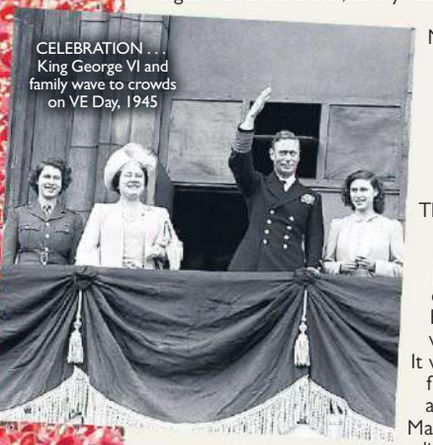
VE DAY 75TH ANNIVERSARY SPEECH, MAY 8, 2020

'Our streets are filled with love'

I speak to you today at the same hour as my father did, exactly 75 years ago. His message then was a salute to the men and women at home and abroad who had sacrificed so much in pursuit of what he rightly called a "great deliverance".

The war had been a total war; it had affected everyone, and no one was immune from its impact. Whether it be the men and women called up to serve; families separated from each other; or people asked to take up new roles and skills to support the war effort, all had a part to play.

At the start, the outlook seemed bleak, the end distant, the outcome uncertain. But we kept faith that the cause was right – and this belief, as my father noted in his broadcast, carried us through.



CELEBRATION . . . King George VI and family wave to crowds on VE Day, 1945

Never give up, never despair – that was the message of VE Day. I vividly remember the jubilant scenes my sister and I witnessed with our parents and Winston Churchill from the balcony of Buckingham Palace.

The sense of joy in the crowds who gathered outside and across the country was profound, though while we celebrated the victory in Europe, we knew there would be further sacrifice.

It was not until August that fighting in the Far East ceased and the war finally ended.

Many people laid down their lives in that terrible conflict. They fought so we could live in peace, at home and abroad. They died so we could live as free people in a world of free nations. They risked all so our families and neighbourhoods could be safe. We should and will remember them.

As I now reflect on my father's words and the joyous celebrations, which some of us experienced first-hand, I am thankful for the strength and courage that the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth and all our allies displayed.

The wartime generation knew that the best way to honour those who did not come back from the war was to ensure that it didn't happen again. The greatest tribute to their sacrifice is that countries who were once sworn enemies are now friends, working side by side for the peace, health and prosperity of us all.

Today it may seem hard that we cannot mark this special anniversary as we would wish. Instead we remember from our homes and our doorsteps.

But our streets are not empty; they are filled with the love and the care that we have for each other. And when I look at our country today, and see what we are willing to do to protect and support one another, I say with pride that we are still a nation those brave soldiers, sailors and airmen would recognise and admire.

I send my warmest good wishes to you all.



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QUEEN ELIZABETH II
1926-2022

Friday, September 16, 2022

'It is inevitable that I should seem a rather remote figure to many of you. But now, at least for a few minutes, I welcome you to the peace of my own home'

– QUEEN'S FIRST TELEVISED XMAS BROADCAST, DEC 25, 1957

ONE'S ON . . . a family watch the Queen's first TV Christmas message in 1957

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